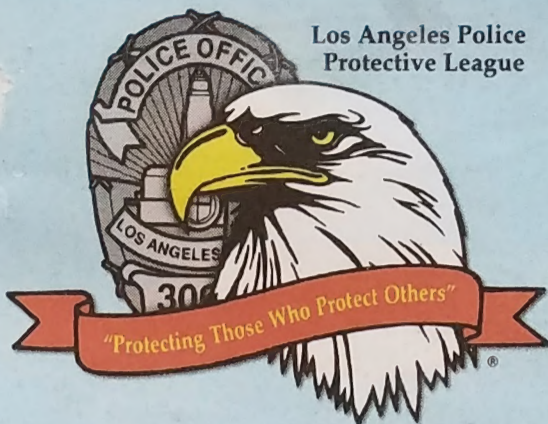


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NEW POLICE CHIEF SWORN IN



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Mayor James Hahn swears in new Los Angeles Chief of Police, William Bratton. Police Commission President Rick Caruso and Mrs. Bratton look on.

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Our LAPD Men and Women Serving
Our Country In Military Assignments

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We need to look closely at Wants and Priorities. It should be out very soon. It is vitally important that you complete and return it.

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A Christmas Story

"Now, Jimmy! Now, Sharon! Now, David, and George! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!"

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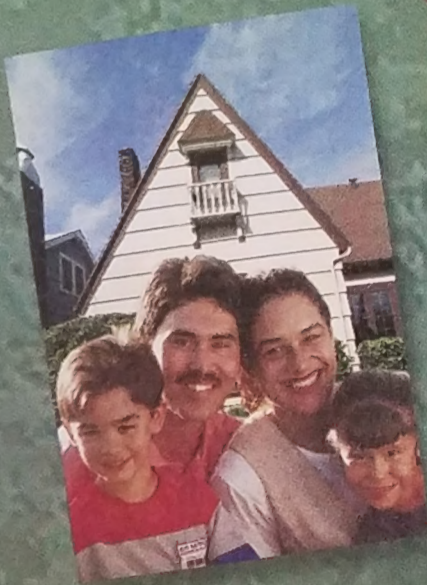
Piazza's Peddlers Second Multiple Sclerosis Benefit Bike Ride

Piazza's Peddlers will be doing their "hat trick" (third ride) in May, when they take on the Palm Springs MS 150 Challenge Bike Tour again.

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Daimler Chrysler Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles presents the "Wrap" story of the largest, most successful police gala in LAPD's History

JULIO IGLESIAS PERFORMS TO A SOLD OUT CROWD AT CENTURY PLAZA HOTEL benefiting our Eagle & Badge Foundation and Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation

There was standing room only for an 'Evening of Unity and Entertainment' at the Century Plaza November 8th which was the largest fundraising gala for law enforcement in the State. Governor Gray and Sharon Davis and LAPD Chief Bill Bratton were on hand to celebrate with the Protective League and the two benefiting charities along with LA. County Sheriff Lee Baca and Arthur M. Kassel, Exec. Producer (co-hosts) and Peter Repovich, Co-Producer. Our generous sponsors included Daimler Chrysler Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles, Nextel, CheckMate Enterprises, the L.A. Police Protective League, The Latino Coalition, Delta Air Lines, Hollywood Reporter, Ketel One, and Albertson's.



Arthur M. Kassel, Auctioneer Sharon Stone and Dinner Chair Lou Perez, CheckMate Enterprises.



Gary Disney with Gena & Chuck Norris, who was honored for Kick Drugs Out of America.

During the evening, Arthur M. Kassel, President of the Eagle & Badge Foundation and the man who made this event a reality, was presented with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Los Angeles Police Protective League. The exciting live auction, spearheaded by Sharon Stone, featured a P.T. Cruiser, a Mini-Van and a Dodge Intrepid; a registered AKC puppy, trips via Delta Air Lines to London and Paris, and a lot more!



Julio Iglesias receives the 2002 Humanitarian Award from Arthur M. Kassel, Executive Producer.



Lionel Richie was introduced to a packed house and committed to perform at our next gala in 2003.



Governor Gray Davis, Sheriff Lee Baca, Arthur M. Kassel and Dr. Stephen Mayberg are on hand to present the Award of Courage to Tichi Wilkerson Kassel.

Julio Iglesias performed for 90 minutes for the 1st Annual Gala evening to benefit both scholarships and catastrophic need situations for Police Officers AND to aid in Parkinson's research. Orange County Sheriff Mike Carona received his award from Sylvester Stallone. Emmy Award winner Michael Chicklis and Calif. Director of Gaming John Hensley presented an award to Chuck Norris and Kick Drugs Out of America. Sacramento Sheriff Lou Blanas and Nextel's Mike Finley assisted Governor Davis in presenting an award to CHP Commissioner Spike Helmick. Sheriff Baca honored business leaders Lee Iacocca and Paula Kent Meehan. Shaquille O'Neal's award was accepted by Port Authority Chief Noel Cunningham. An advance presentation was made earlier to "Shaq" at his Reserve Officer workplace at the Port Authority facilities by Eagle & Badge Foundation's President Arthur Kassel and Chairman Peter Repovich with other members of the LAPPL.



Barbara Lazaroff and Suzan Hughes.



Sarah Martoccia, Tim Sands, Elizabeth Silver-Tourgeon.



Dinner Chair Donald T. Sterling, E&B Board of Governors member Deputy Jaclyn Rosenberg, Shelly Sterling, Sheriff Mike and Debbie Carona. Sheriff Carona was honored for Leadership with the 'Protect and Serve Award.'



Sheriff Lee Baca presents the Leadership Award to Paula Kent Meehan, assisted by Officer Rosalind Iiams who sang the National Anthem.



Governor Gray Davis welcomes LAPD Chief Bill Bratton to the 'Unity' stage.



Shaquille O'Neal received the Protect and Serve Award in advance of the event at the Port Authority dock from Dennis P. Zine, Eagle & Badge President Arthur M. Kassel, Chairman Peter Repovich, Director Ted Hunt, Chief Noel Cunningham and Lou Perez, Dinner Chair (r).

Donald T. Sterling and Lou Perez of CheckMate Enterprises served as Dinner Chairs of this great event. The Los Angeles Police Protective League and both Foundations extend their gratitude to the LAPD for the "LAPD Experience," showcasing the uniformed personnel and equipment of our LAPD - thank you, Chief Bratton.

Funds raised benefit two charities - The Eagle & Badge Foundation, founded by the Protective League to provide scholarships and financial support for police officers' children and to fund special scholarship needs of the children in the community they serve. Our Eagle & Badge Foundation has also made a commitment to support charitable organizations that benefit the community at large and decided to work with the Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation, established to fund research and special equipment for those afflicted with Parkinson's.

For information on joining the Eagle & Badge Foundation, please call 818/994-4661. To make a contribution or for more information on the Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation, also call 818/994-4661.

Major General Doug Pearson of Edwards Air Force Base made a special presentation recognizing LAPD officers who are or have served in the armed forces during recent conflicts - accepted by newly appointed LAPD Asst. Chief Jim McDonnell and League Director/Eagle & Badge Chairman Peter Repovich.



Julio Iglesias (r) congratulates his friend Tichi Wilkerson Kassel (seated) upon receiving the Award of Courage as Arthur Kassel and Dr. Stephen Mayberg and friends look on.



New LAPD Asst. Chief Jim McDonnell (l) and Eagle & Badge Chairman Peter Repovich (r) accept recognition plaques from Maj. General Doug Pearson of Edwards Air Force Base.



Constantina performed with Julio Iglesias.



David Carradine



Event Chair Arthur M. Kassel presents Rikki Bratton with a miniature gold Chief's badge necklace.



Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, Arthur M. Kassel, Bob & Margie Petersen



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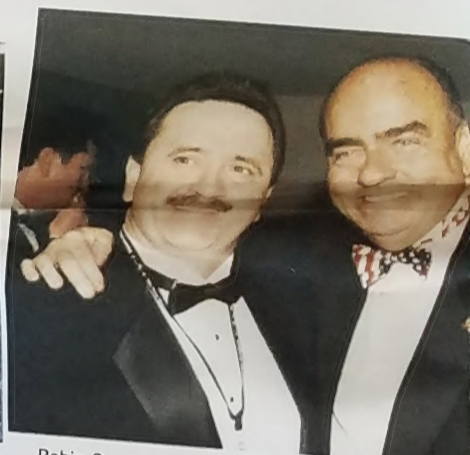
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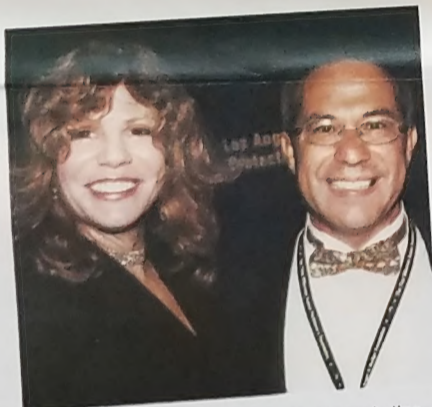
Dinner Co-Chair Lou Perez with Governor Gray Davis.



Hector Barraza and Cynthia Gershman.



Robin Cursi of Daimler Chrysler Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles with Event Chair Arthur M. Kassel.



Red Barris and Mario Rodriguez, Chairman, Latino Coalition.



Buzz Aldrin



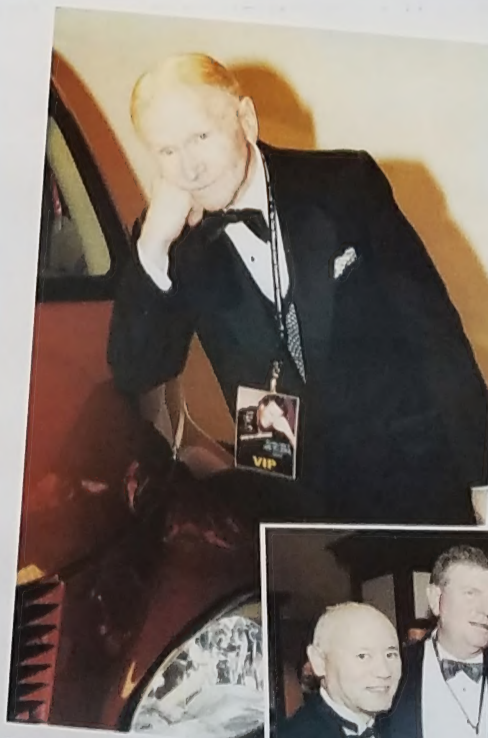
Bob Baker (l) and Ted Hunt (r) with Arthur M. Kassel who was just presented with an LAPPL Lifetime Membership.



Police Commissioner David Cunningham III greets Governor Davis.



9th Circuit Appellate Court Judge Harry Pregerson.



Red Buttons is wondering if he should bid on the P.T. Cruiser donated by Daimler Chrysler Pre-Owned Certified Vehicles.



Sheriff Lee Baca presented Lee Iacocca with the Leadership Award.



Michael Yamaki, Sacramento Sheriff Lou Blanas, CHP Commissioner Spike Helmick and Arthur M. Kassel, President of Eagle & Badge Foundation.



LAPPL Directors Ted Hunt and Peter Repovich with Councilman Davis.



Tichi Wilkerson Kassel and Sharon Stone.

UCLA's Dr. Jeffrey Cummings, Medical Director of the Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation; LAPPL Directors Mitzi Grasso, Bob Baker, Tim Sands, Ted Hunt, Arthur M. Kassel (Eagle & Badge Foundation Pres.), Paul Weber, Cliff Ruff, Dennis P. Zine, Peter Repovich, and Don Lint.



E&B Board of Governor Member Colin Gilbert and fiancée Julie Bishop.



Sylvester Stallone and Lionel Richie.



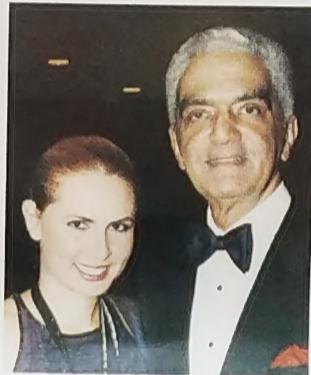
Gloria and John Gebbia, winning bidders on the Daimler Chrysler P.T. Cruiser.



Jackie Hand, Delta Air Lines and Ian Hand.



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Tanya and Tony Vincent.



Toni Holt Kramer.



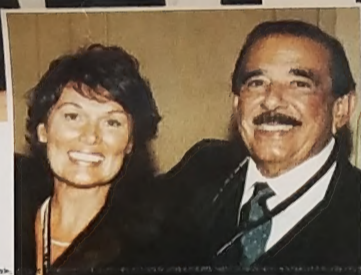
Police Commissioner Sylvia Saucedo.



Tichi's best friends.



Eagle & Badge Board Member David LaFaille.



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Dr. Stanley Toy.

The LAPD Experience was an integral portion of the PreEvent Festivities.

Thank You Chief William J. Bratton and Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell



Eagle & Badge Chairman Peter Repovich and President Arthur M. Kassel thank the LAPD for all their help with the Gala.



Jennie Lee Harrison thanks the LAPD for "Protecting and Serving."



Hunt and Peter Repovich, Chairman Dennis P. Zine.



Command Officer's Association Capt. Jim Tatreau, Mitzi Grasso, Peter Repovich and Arthur M. Kassel.



Chief Bill Bratton spoke to the sold out room following the presentation of event jackets by Nextel's V.P. Mike Finley and CheckMate Enterprises CEO Lou Perez.



LAPPL Director Cliff Ruff.



LAPPL Director Paul & Barbara Weber.



Julio Iglesias with Char Webster and Mike Finley of Nextel.



Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Cummings (l&r), Medical Director for the Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation, with Julio Iglesias and Arthur M. Kassel.



Dinner Chair Donald T. Sterling welcomes guests with co-host Sheriff Lee Baca.



Mr. & Mrs. Michael Chiklis, Emmy award winning star of "The Shield."



Nicholas Rockefeller and Faye Huang.



Joe Cerrell and Councilman Jack Weiss.



LAPPL General Counsel Hank Hernandez and Nancy Weitz.

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The Eagle & Badge Foundation was created to assist L.A. Police Officers and the children in the communities they serve through scholarships and community programs and to help all public safety officers in times of catastrophic need. We will also assist other philanthropic organizations as approved by the Board of Directors.

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The Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation

funds research and special equipment for those afflicted with Parkinson's. To make contributions, or obtain more info, please call 818/994-4661.



Muhammed Ali - Although unable to attend, he is in our hearts and minds.



Julio & Tichi.

Los Angeles Police Protective League's Eagle & Badge Foundation Membership Application



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For more info, please visit LAPD.com.



TRANSITIONING LEADERSHIP ROLES

MITZI GRASSO, PRESIDENT

As many of you may already know, Vice President Bob Baker will become President of the Los Angeles Police Protective League for 2003, and I will become Vice President.

This transition in leadership roles often occurs at the end of each year, with elections determining who will serve on the Board for the following year. It is also appropriate, as the Police Department is evolving under the leadership of Chief Bratton, that the police union re-examines its role to ensure it evolves along with the Department. The Directors all share roles and responsibilities and work in a collaborative manner to achieve our goals, so the transition as Bob Baker and I essentially switch titles will be seamless.

The major impetus for the change is personal, not professional. Like so many officers who sought flexible work schedules, I desire to achieve a better work-life balance and spend more time with my family. However, I will continue to devote my full efforts to my various responsibilities as a Director and Vice President. I know this change will give me a much-needed break from a very hectic tenure as President, and allow me to focus on the roles that have allowed us to have such a great impact on the well-being of our officers and community. I want to ensure that success continues, with a unified Board and membership.

I look forward to continuing our work and successes as a unified Board. We are beginning to formulate our goals and priorities for 2003, and are confident that our Board will continue to provide the best representation for the officers of the LAPD. My fellow Directors and I will continue to work with the Department and the community to ensure the continued safety of the residents of our city.

Your Board Has Accomplished Many Goals

As President, I am pleased to say that our Board of Directors has achieved all of the major goals set by the leadership over the last two years. Here is a partial recap:

- The implementation of flexible work schedules, which Mayor James Hahn began rolling out 90 days after his initiation as mayor.
- Forcing attention to be paid to the LAPD's morale crisis, which had caused major recruitment and retention problems.
- Revisions in the disciplinary system to eliminate abusively unfair practices and substitute fair, objective and predictable standards.
- Substantial improvements in officers' pensions; achieving an increase to 50 percent with 20 years of service and 90 percent with 33 years of service (in contrast to the prior pension of 70 percent with 30 years of service).

- Bringing new leadership to the LAPD. When the League saw that the Department was in crisis, it worked diligently to convince city leadership that a new chief was needed.
- The exposure of the practice of ticket quotas at the LAPD, in which officers were pressured with threats and promised rewards to increase "ticket production." Our efforts resulted in top management disavowing this activity.
- Legal protection for every member was increased with the passage of Charter Amendment 1/Section 1070 revision.
- Our voice is now heard as we operate under the Consent Decree. Our legal action ensured representatives from the League a seat at the negotiating table for the Consent Decree.
- Stronger community bonds have been created. We have worked diligently within the last few years to become more involved with the community through meetings, forums, sponsorships and donations.
- A greater focus on public safety. The League raised concerns and provided proposed solutions for problems such as increased bank robberies, rising crime, dropped 911 calls and lengthier response times to emergency calls.

Working Side by Side with Chief Bratton to Polish the LAPD Badge

The LAPPL has welcomed Chief William Bratton and looks forward to working with him at the LAPD. Coming to the LAPD after high-profile tenures as Chief at other departments — marked by successes in lowering crime in other cities — we are eager to work with the Chief in making Los Angeles safer.

Small measures often speak loudly. Recognizing that bringing back the shine to the badge requires eliminating asinine rules, we are very pleased that

one of first special orders Chief Bratton signed allows officers to once again use "leather luster" to shine uniform shoes and Sam Browne belts. As we all know, the former Chief issued a special order last year forbidding the use of the widely popular polish. In eliminating the ban Bratton quipped that the black polish on his new belt got on everything and he added, "I don't like dirty fingernails."

As many of us have read, Chief Bratton's methods are outlined in his autobiography, *Turnaround: How America's Top Cop Reversed the Crime Epidemic*. From our interaction with Chief Bratton over the past few months, I can tell you that he is a dynamic leader whose street experience had made him appreciate the line officer.

Our relationship with Chief Bratton must be based on mutual respect. Clearly, the makeup of Los Angeles is different than the other departments at which he has worked, and he won't have nearly as many police officers per resident to help him. The NYPD has about 40,000 police officers (one for every 209 residents) compared with LAPD's almost 9,000 (one for every 409 residents). However, to paraphrase the great Dodger announcer Vin Scully, who would refer to a team that was out hit but won the game: "We get the most from the least." The quality of our officers will more than make up for the numbers advantage enjoyed by other departments.

Aggressive Police Work

Chief Bratton has taken a strong position against the "smile and wave" approach to policing some say has become common at LAPD. We at the League join him in this effort. We have always believed officers should give eight hours work for eight hours pay, and now, 10 hours work for 10 hours

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BOB BAKER, VICE PRESIDENT

With 2003 just around the corner, I know we are all looking forward to a new year, which we hope will bring calm and prosperity to our nation. For all of you, I know you are also looking forward, here at home, to a new Los Angeles Police Department under new leadership and direction.

Your Board of Directors is excited about the prospects for change and improvement that we foresee under Chief William Bratton's leadership. We have been ardent supporters of reform and hope to work with the new chief to ensure modifications to the discipline system, the smooth and fair implementation of the Consent Decree, more aggressive recruitment and retention efforts and many other areas in need of change.

As we have said before, it was not an easy road for the officers of the LAPD, the LAPPL Board of Directors or the community to get where we are today. One year ago at this time we were preparing to hold a vote of no confidence, and today we find ourselves with a new chief at the helm. It took the efforts of many people to make changes at the Department, and I'd like to thank those who played a major role in this achievement.

The members of the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners are charged with a great amount of responsibility as it is, without having the added pressure of helping with the selection of the chief of one of the world's largest police forces. But this year they rose to the ultimate challenge and interviewed the many candidates interested in leading the LAPD, and narrowed their selection to those they believed were the three most qualified.

On behalf of the rank and file and the community, I'd like to extend a warm thank you to the Police Commission for their diligence and efforts on behalf of our city. Your efforts — especially this year — are greatly appreciated.

I'd also like to thank interim Chief Martin Pomeroy for taking the lead of our Department at one of its most difficult times and setting the stage for Chief Bratton to take over. You were only interim in the basic sense of the word — you took the job as seriously as if you were here for the long haul, and made several significant reforms that helped the Department retain numerous talented officers and return to a better course. The officers of the LAPD and the community will always be thankful for your contributions to the Department, and we wish you a relaxing return to retirement.

I am confident that 2003 will bring many positive turning points at the LAPD. I know Chief Bratton is not wasting any time in pinpointing areas of improvement at the Department and implementing the necessary reforms to ensure positive change. The Board of Directors looks forward to collaborating with Chief Bratton whenever possible and making the Department a better place for our existing officers, as well as those to come.

Thank you to all of you for the vital role you have played in improving the great LAPD — and I wish happy and safe holidays to all of you, as well as the proud men and women in blue who protect our communities every day. May the holidays bring happiness to you and your families. Here's to a successful 2003! ♦

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Leading and Managing the League According to the Mission

The reason that I joined the League was for the legal protection plan. That was vitally important to me and it still is. Daryl Gates used to say that if an officer didn't belong to the League he/she was just plain dumb.

But there is so much more to being a member of the League than just legal protection. It is in our mission or purpose statement.

- Why do we have a League?
- What is the purpose or the mission?

Once we know the WHY and the WHAT we are all about, we need to manage and lead the League with our mission in mind. In other words, we need to judge our actions (what we do — where we focus our time and money) against what we say we should do. That is called being Mission Focused.

1. To obtain and enforce the best contract possible
2. To ensure the best legal protections possible
3. To enhance our professional and personal lives

Job #1 is getting the best contract possible. But in addition to getting the contract, we need to ensure that it is adhered to. In order to force the Department and the City to live up to the con-

tract, there are several tools that we use such as grievances, Unfair Employee Relations Practices, litigation, etc.

The second aspect of the League's mission is legal protection. In the past there has been a need for significantly increased legal protection. The changes that occurred in the legal program met the demands such as were created by Charter changes.

The third facet of the mission is to enhance our professional and personal lives. Professionally, we focus on training, education, psychological fitness (MHN) physical fitness by supporting athletic events such as the New Centurions, golf tournaments to honor fallen officers and Baker-to-Vegas. Those things overlap into an officer's personal life. Specific personal and family benefits enjoyed by League members include scholarships for our children, family day at Raging Waters and the annual Delegate's Training Conference.

MOU Survey

Back to Job #1. Since a major part of the mission is to obtain the contract, it seems fitting to find out what everyone wants. Not long ago, the Research Committee put together a survey to find out what you want in the next contract. Since everyone knows that money is tight, not only in LA but throughout the nation, we need to look closely at

WANTS and PRIORITIES.

What is most important to you. The MOU Survey has been put together and pilot tested. It should be out very soon. It is vitally important that you complete and return it.

SB 1516

Senate Bill 1516 was recently signed into law by the Governor. SB 1516 was carried by Senator Gloria Romero but the language was actually written by the Law Firm of Lackie and Dammeier, panel attorneys for the League.

SB 1516 amends the Peace Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights Act to say that if any superior court determines that a public safety department, its employees, agents, or assigns, willfully and maliciously violate any provision of the Peace Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights with the intent to injure any public safety officer, then the public safety department shall be liable for the actual damages to the officer and exemplary damages, a civil penalty, and attorney's fees, as specified, and to provide for additional damages and limitations. The bill also provides for sanctions in cases the court finds were frivolous or filed in bad faith.

What is Broken Windows Theory?

You have probably heard about or read that Broken Windows theory is going to be a big part of the Chief Bratton Administration. You may have asked "what is it?"

The Broken Windows Theory was first introduced in a 1982 magazine article in the *Atlantic Monthly*. It was written jointly by James Q. Wilson and George Kelling. Dr. Wilson is currently a professor of Management and Public Policy at UCLA and Dr. Kelling is currently a professor in the School of Crim-

inal Justice, Rutgers University.

Broken Windows theory states that "neighborhood disorder — drunks, panhandling, youth gangs, prostitution, and other urban incivilities — create fear" among the people living and or working in an area. Those elements of "disorder" allow the area to become a breeding ground for crime and criminal activity. In other words, if those issues and elements are allowed to exist without any police or community resistance, the result is a belief is that no one cares. If no one cares, then the drunks, panhandlers, youth gangs, prostitutes and others, feel that they have a green light from the neighborhood and the police to continue to do what they are doing. The results are synergistic: good people leave and predators come in.

The third element of the Theory is that in order to effectively deal with these issues and elements the police "must rely on citizens for legitimacy and assistance."

Eagle & Badge Foundation

The Eagle & Badge Foundation is the League's non-profit organization which was founded in order to help with critical needs and scholarships for the children of LAPD officers and the children of the communities we serve.

The president of the Foundation is Arthur Kassel. He and I have nurtured this foundation from concept to culmination. I want to thank him for his unbelievable hard work on our behalf and all of the effort extended to produce the First Annual Gala Fund Raising Event which raised money for the charitable purposes of this Foundation.

The Julio Iglesias Concert held on November 8, 2002 was an unprecedented success and all participants and contributors are to be commended and congratulated.



LAPRAAC HOME LOAN PROGRAM AND REAL ESTATE SERVICES

The LAPRAAC Home Loan Program and Real Estate Services are in full swing and the response from LAPRAAC members, families and friends have been tremendous.

I would like to thank everyone for their complimentary letters and e-mails expressing your money-saving experiences with the program. The super competitive loan rates, free-credit check and a flat lender fee have made the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program a winner. Not to mention, we have negotiated with United Airlines for every LAPRAAC member to earn 1,000 United Plus Miles for every 10,000 dollars they borrow. Our Real Estate Services Program was developed to offer cash rebates and incentives to you. By using the collective buying power of a large organization like LAPRAAC, cash rebates and airline mileage programs were negotiated with real estate service providers. Normally, without the collective negotiating power of a large organization, these cash rebates and incentives would not be offered to you. The response has been tremendous to this program and many of you have enjoyed the rebate checks you received from the program.

Each month, I hope to give you information that will make you a more informed buyer or seller of real estate and mortgage services. Real estate services can be confusing, but hopefully, I can give you information to make you a more savvy consumer and save you money.

WHAT ARE FICO SCORES?

A FICO score is a credit score developed by Fair, Isaac & Co. Credit scoring is a method of determining the likelihood that credit users will pay their bills. Fair, Isaac began its pioneering work with credit scoring in the late 1950's, and since then, scoring has become widely accepted by lenders as a reliable means of credit history into a single number. Fair, Isaac & Co. and the credit bureaus do not reveal how these scores are computed. The Federal Reserve has ruled this to be acceptable. Credit scores are calculated by using scoring models and mathematical tables that assign points for different pieces of information which best predict future credit performance.

Developing these models involves studying how thousands, even millions, of people have used credit. Score-model developers find predictive factors in the data that have proven to indicate future credit performance. Models can be developed from different sources of data. Credit-bureau models are developed from information in consumer credit-bureau reports.

Credit scores analyze a borrower's credit history considering numerous factors such as:

- Late payments
- The amount of time credit has been established
- The amount of credit used versus the amount of credit available
- Length of time at present residence
- Employment history
- Negative credit information such as bankruptcies, charge-offs, collections, etc.

There are really three FICO scores computed by data provided by each of the three bureaus, Experian, Trans Union and Equifax. Some lenders use one of these three scores, while other lenders may use the middle score.

HOW CAN I INCREASE MY SCORE?

While it is difficult to increase your score over the short run, here are some tips to increase your score over a period of time.

- Pay your bills on time. Late payments and collections can have a serious impact on your score.
- Do not apply for credit frequently. Having a large number of inquiries on your credit report can worsen your score.
- Reduce your credit-card balances. If you are "maxed" out on your credit cards, this will affect your credit score negatively.
- If you have limited credit, obtain additional credit. Not having sufficient credit can negatively impact your score.

I have a great website that will give you lots of information and insight to your FICO scores. The website is www.myfico.com. Please let me know your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for your trust and confidence in the LAPRAAC Real Estate Services Program and each month I hope to give you more insight and knowledge to help fulfill your dreams and goals in the real estate market.

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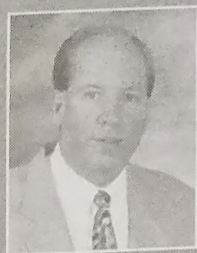
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Free Speech vs. False Police Complaints

An Associated Press release dated October 9, 2002, addresses a Ventura County case that the California Supreme Court is reviewing regarding an Oxnard couple's arrest for making a false complaint against an Oxnard police officer.

"The justices, hearing oral arguments in Fresno for the first time, grappled with a state appeals court ruling declaring the 1995 law of making a false complaint violates the First Amendment right of free speech. At issue is a ruling from the 2nd District Court of Appeals in Ventura that overturned the 1998 misdemeanor convictions of Oxnard couple Shaun Stanistreet and Barbara Atkinson. The pair accused an Oxnard police officer of exposing himself to 50 at-risk teenagers at an awards banquet run by the department's Activities League.

The Oxnard Police Department said it investigated the couple's allegations and could not corroborate them. The Ventura County district attorney charged the two with filing a false complaint. They were convicted in 1998 of a law that carries a one-year term. They served 30 days in jail and appealed, maintaining the allegations were true. The justices accepted as true that the couple made up the story and focused its argument on whether filing a false police report should subject one to criminal prosecution.

Ventura County prosecutor Michael Schwartz told the justices the law, enacted in response to a slew of complaints against officers following the 1991 Rodney King incident, was designed to protect police officers' reputations. The appeals court in overturning the convictions, acknowledged that law enforcement officers 'confront the worst that

society has to offer' and 'risk their lives to provide citizens a safer and better place to live.' But the panel said that was not justification for limiting free speech. The appeals panel noted the state law made it a crime to make untrue complaints about peace officers, but it was not criminally unlawful to make such allegations against firefighters, elected officials or anybody else.

The American Civil Liberties Union said criminalizing speech against police officers but not other public officials was unconstitutional because it singled out speech directed at police officers. The ACLU also argued the law may keep people from making legitimated complaints out of fear they, too, may be prosecuted."

The League will be monitoring this case and assisting the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) who represents the Oxnard police officers. The League believes clearly there should be no free speech protection when someone knowingly lies and makes a false complaint against a police officer. As quoted in their brief:

"Defamation receives no First Amendment protection," Rockne Lucia, Jr. wrote to the court on behalf of PORAC.

As a side note:

"Some justices suggested they may uphold the law and reinstate the convictions. 'It would appear to me in a situation such as this, there is no constitutional infirmity,' Justice Joyce Kennard said, echoing similar sentiments from other panelists."

I will keep you updated in future articles, hopefully with good news.

Racial Profiling and the LAPD Discipline System

According to a September 16, 2002 review of the Department's quarterly discipline report by the Inspector General, there were 63 closed complaints of racial profiling during the second quarter of 2002. None of the complaints were sustained. The Inspector General's report focused primarily on Racial Profiling.

It concluded:

"Perhaps the strongest conclusion that can be drawn from the racial profiling cases we reviewed is that they often demonstrate a lack of communication, as well as misunderstanding and distrust between community member and officer."

Hopefully, forthcoming revisions to the discipline system will permit and encourage discussions between complainants and Department supervisors that will lead to informal and satisfactory resolution of such complaints. Surely, that is preferable to the current situation..."

At the writing of this article, the League and Department are in negotiations to change the way we now handle and address personnel complaints. This is an effort by the Department, Police Commission and League to change an archaic discipline system to a system that more closely mirrors what the Inspector General alludes to in his report. The League will be updating you of any changes in the future.

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pay, and 12 for 12. Our Department became famous for our hard-charging, proactive approach to street crime. Over the years we consistently outperformed much larger big city departments with as little as one quarter the number of officers. From my meetings with officers around the city, I am very confident our members are ready, willing and able to work with Chief Bratton to take back our streets and make LA, again, the safest big city in America. With the Department making a fresh start, it is especially important for all of us to make a concerted effort to uphold our commitments to both the Department and the community.

I know all of the LAPD officers work hard, but now is a critical time in which we cannot let our guard down at any

moment. We all need to do our best to solve the challenges faced by our Department and city. Although Los Angeles saw the same drop in crime as other American cities reported through the 1990s, our recent surge in violent crimes must be addressed immediately. The "thin blue line" may be much maligned - especially in recent years, but at the end of the day the majority of residents want to trust and respect the local police department. The League is committed, under the leadership of Chief Bratton, to ensure that the badge shines brightly and is worn proudly by all.

Holiday Greetings to All

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. I hope you and your families have a safe and happy December, and best wishes for a happy new year!

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A CHRISTMAS STORY

DON LINT

'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the Department,
Not a beef was brewing, not one little argument.
The stockings were hung by the w/c's office with care,
In hopes that St. Bratton soon would be there.
The officers were nestled all snug in their black and whites,
With visions of bad guys caught in their spotlights.
And Mitzi in her kerchief, and Bob in his cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.
When down at Parker Center there arose such a clatter,
Bob sprang from his bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window he flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash.
The moon and the streetlights were all aglow,
And gave the luster of mid-day to squad cars below.
When what to his wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and four tiny reindeer.
With a little old driver who had a shiny new badge on,
He knew in a moment it must St. Bratton.
More rapid than eagles his couriers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name
"Now, Jimmy! Now, Sharon! Now, David, and George!
To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!
As palm fronds that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they met with an obstacle, wave to the sky,
So up to the 6th floor the couriers they flew,
With the sleigh full of surprises and St. Bratton too.
And then, in a twinkling, Bob heard on the 6th floor,
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As he drew in his hand and was turning around,
Out of the elevator St. Bratton came with a bound.
He was dressed all in Armani, from his head to his foot,
His clothes were all pressed with no ashes or soot;
A bundle of transfers he had slung on his back,
And he looked like a leader just opening his pack.
His eyes, how they twinkled!
His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
His nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth didn't even have a mustache,
But even without one, he still had some flash.
He gripped tight to his pen and with no hesitation,
Circled and signed transfers, retirements and resignations.
He had a thin face and looked pretty fit,
Yet he shook when he laughed and had a sharp wit.
He was trim and taut, a right old elf,
And Bob laughed when he saw him, in spite of himself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave him to know he had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And finished the transfers then turned with a jerk
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the elevator he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle.
But Bob heard him exclaim, as he went on his way
"Hey! Who spray-painted my sleigh!"



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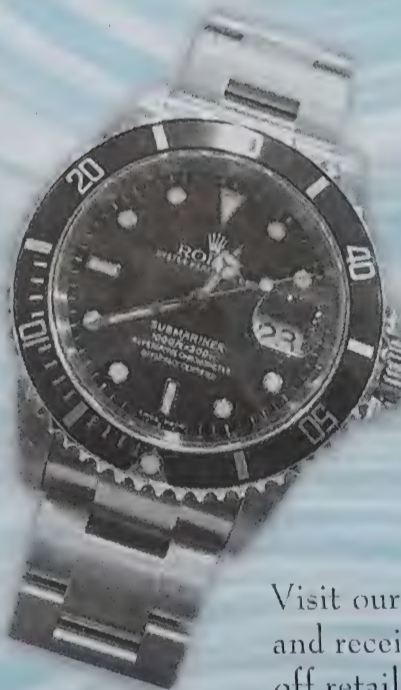
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Even with the holidays approaching, it must seem pretty quiet these days – no barrage of election ads blaring on the TV, no secession-related mailers filling your mailbox or pro- and anti-secessionists arguing in the newspaper or on the evening news. We can now return to our quiet lives in a united Los Angeles – or can we?

The arguments and problems raised by the secession movement will not simply go away because it was defeated at the polls on November 5. If anything, their complaints may be amplified by the vote, since they will remain in the state of "no control" that they feel they are in.

The City of Los Angeles is big both in geography and population. In my opinion, this is both a strength and a weakness. It obviously affords us many advantages, such as access to a wealth of resources, influence in matters of public policy and a diverse community full of talented individuals, adept leaders and a myriad of cultures and ideas. However, in the minds of the pro-secessionists, this vast size also brings with it less access to city leaders and resources, as well as a lower quality of life.

With the fate of secession pretty much determined prior to the election, I began to consider what life in LA and at the department might be like once final confirmation came that the split would not occur. My eyes were opened to the concerns of the pro-secessionists at the

event held by the LAPPL on October 17, "United or Apart? A Debate on the Future of Los Angeles." For those of you who weren't able to make it to the event – and to the many who did, I hope you found the event educational – we hosted a debate featuring moderators Dave Bryan, political reporter for KCAL-TV, Jim Newton, California government and politics editor of the *Los Angeles Times*, and John Schwada, political and government reporter for KTTV-TV; as well as participants (pro-secession) Paula Boland, Former Assemblywoman Richard Close, Chairman of Valley VOTE, and Bob Scott, Co-Chair of Alliance for a New LA; and (anti-secession) Laura Chick, City Controller, Eric Garcetti, Council District 13, and Cindy Miscikowski, Council District 11. (See photo coverage on page 34.)

Secessionists argue that with just over one-third of the Los Angeles population, the Valley has not received its share of city-granted services. Their overriding complaint is that the City of Los Angeles has become too big to adequately represent the residents of the San Fernando Valley. Many disgruntled residents indicate that a smaller city – even if it would still be the sixth largest city in the United States – would provide for a better-run, more efficient and more responsive city government with happier and more satisfied residents. One reason that Valley secessionists give for

separating from the City of Los Angeles is a claim that residents have 2.0 police officers per capita compared to 1.2 police officers per capita in the Valley.

Now that we are moving forward as one city, I believe our leaders should consider carefully the concerns of the pro-secessionists to ensure that this movement does not re-emerge down the road and succeed. Now that our efforts directed at preventing the approval of secession are complete, we should redirect these energies to addressing some of the problems that started the movement in the first place.

Officer shortages are not unique to just one area of the city – it is a city-wide concern. With new leadership at the LAPD, I believe we can safely assume that we will see a return to a stronger and bigger LAPD. The LAPPL has joined with the department in more aggressive recruiting efforts, but our actions must transcend this basic activity.

The department must also ensure the fair distribution of resources throughout the city. Even with a bigger force, if we are not utilizing our most precious resource – our officers – in the best manner, no one benefits from the extra personnel. We must also empower our officers to do their jobs to their fullest abilities, rather than discouraging them to use their authority for fear of being disciplined.

We must also ensure that other resources, such as police stations, community policing programs and emergency response, are on par throughout the city. Just because a resident lives in one area of the city and not the other – and this goes for Boyle Heights, South Central, downtown or the Valley – should not mean that their protection is any less adequate than another part of the city. Again, this goes back to distribution of resources, which we foresee a stronger commitment to under Chief Bratton.

We cannot mend the ill will between

the pro- and anti-secessionists after more than a year of competing campaigns and words, but I believe we can take steps to fulfill the needs of all our city's residents. The pro-secessionists must believe in our department and the bright future that lies ahead, and support our officers so that they can provide the best protection for all of our communities. And the anti-secessionists must stop and listen to the complaints coming from around the city to ensure that the public safety needs of everyone are addressed.

Eagle and Badge Foundation Gala

Last month the Eagle and Badge Foundation held its inaugural fundraising event, "To Protect and to Serve: An Evening of Entertainment and Inspiration." I'd like to thank all of the delegates who attended as our special guests for the evening, as well as the celebrity participants and honored guests who helped make the event so special. The highlight of the evening was the full-length concert given by Julio Iglesias.

As Chairman of the Board for the Eagle & Badge Foundation, I am proud to say that we raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit the Foundation – which supports officers in need, as well as their families and children and the communities they serve – and also the newly formed Tichi Wilkerson Kassel Parkinson's Foundation. After the first grant the Eagle & Badge Foundation gave earlier this year for the purchase of a trained dog to assist and protect the autistic son of an LAPD officer, we look forward to supporting our LAPD family and the community at large with donations, scholarships and community programs.

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CLIFF RUFF

On October 30th, the Department released a document titled "Priority Task Listing." At the top of the list is "consideration of creating a central personnel unit pool to which personnel on long-term disability can be transferred; considering whether it is possible to set a standard time after which such personnel will be moved toward a disability retirement, permitting hiring of new personnel to replace them. Analysis of the impact of numbers of personnel considered unsuitable for street duty due to ethical or I.A. issues..."

This thought process says a lot about the Department's wellness program. The new attitude for long-term sick and IOD is "return to full duty or we'll kick you out the door with a 30% retirement." If an independent auditor were to interview all of the people off on long-term sick or I.O.D., those personnel would tell you that there are very few "wellness visits" and when there are, the supervisors are only concerned with when you are coming back to work, not really concerned with how well you are doing.

How many commanding officers actually take the time to visit their officers that are off on long-term sick or I.O.D.? What troubles me is that there is an unsubstantiated bias that anyone of on long-term sick or IOD is "sick, lame or lazy." The truth is that all of these officers are being treated by physicians and they are following the medical restrictions and advice given by these doctors. I don't believe there are any

supervisors on L.A.P.D. that are licensed by the state to practice medicine or second-guess the doctors. But Medical Liaison has investigators that surveil officers suspected of benefit abuse. If an officer is suspected of benefit abuse, the Department should conduct an appropriate investigation and let the results determine if misconduct has occurred. It is wrong to broad-brush officers in a negative light just because they are off long-term sick or IOD.

One way to reduce the use of sick time is to compensate unused sick time at 100%. An officer doesn't have to be a genius to know that if you use a sick day, you get compensated at 100%, but if you don't use a sick day, the city compensates you at 50%. There is no incentive to avoid the absolute necessary use of sick time. If the city were to offer to purchase the twelve sick days for 100% at the beginning of the year, people wouldn't use sick time—they would sell it. If the city were to compensate unused sick time at 100% at retirement, officers would not use or sell sick time—they would bank it for retirement. The city needs to consider these positive methods to reduce sick time usage. But one should never forget that officers do get sick. Whether it be the flu, injuries from a traffic accident or cancer, the use of sick time should not be considered a negative factor in an officer's career assessment.

The next item that the new chief has expressed a biased concern about is

DROP. The task listing states "Analysis of the DROP program and how it has impacted the positions of those who have entered the program; matching up participants with past performance to determine whether the program has locked in sub-par performance; analysis of ways the program could be eliminated or reduced." The DROP program has only been in effect for six months with over 400 officers participating. How can the new Chief of Police form such a negative opinion without any empirical evidence of wrongdoing? Doesn't he realize that those 400 officers would be retired if not for DROP? DROP was created with voter approval. It will be here for five years. Will the new Chief be here that long? How does he start his

first week on the job with "analysis of ways the program (DROP) could be eliminated or reduced"?

Is the new guy going to improve morale by retiring everyone on long-term sick and IOD and eliminating DROP? They can't fill the vacancies they have now; what will they do to replace the so-called undesirables they want to force off the job? What a way to start off. Did he catch a virus that Bernard left in the office?

Be careful out there. Do a good job and work hard. Try not to get sick or hurt on the job so that the new administration doesn't think poorly of you. And for those of you in DROP, keep an eye on your recap.

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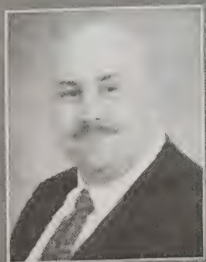


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Setting Our Priorities

With the New Year just a month away, now is the time that most everyone takes to reflect on the previous year and start to plan for the year ahead. The League is no different. As a Board, we hold a formal planning meeting in January to lay out our goals for the year, and set priorities for the issues we want to address. As that meeting approaches, and we also anticipate the needs and priorities of Chief Bratton, I'd like to highlight some of the departmental changes or improvements I believe are important in 2003.

Aggressive crime reductions. For the last several years, the League has raised concerns and proposed solutions to the rising crime in Los Angeles. Whether homicides, bank robberies, graffiti or thefts, each and every crime contributes to the quality of life (or lack thereof) for the residents of our city. With Chief Bratton's positive track record at other police agencies in significantly reducing crime, I am confident that he will enable our officers to do the same in Los Angeles. The League will continue to interact with both the community and the rank and file to determine areas of crime that are particularly bothersome to residents and propose constructive solutions on combating crime.

Fair distribution of resources. Crime obviously does not impact all parts of

the city equally. Fortunately for some residents, crime is low; for others, they are disproportionately affected by criminal activity. To ensure that LAPD officers are able to address crime problems where their help is needed most – but also deter crime before it happens – the Department must appropriately distribute resources (both people power and non-human capital) throughout the city. This also goes for officer "basics" at police stations, such as pens, pencils, film, etc., as well as the appropriate technology and tools necessary for police officers operating in the 21st Century. Since our Department is not at fully authorized strength, it is critical that we put our resources where they are most needed, and evaluate what programs are most useful in helping our city stay safe.

Empowering officers to fight crime. Hand-in-hand with reducing crime is empowering officers to fight crime to the best of their abilities. Unfortunately, with heightened media coverage of police brutality, officer-involved shootings or racial profiling in recent years at police agencies all across the country, officers are discouraged from aggressively apprehending criminals. We must always keep in mind that the people we deal with on a daily basis are the ones bringing society down – the murders, rapists, child abusers and drug traffickers – not

the officers whose job it is to take them off the streets. Although rules must be put into place to govern officers' actions, we must find a balance between oversight and downright micromanaging.

Instituting a fair disciplinary system. For years, the League has advocated a disciplinary system that punishes serious misconduct severely, minor misconduct or poor judgment appropriately and which dismisses frivolous allegations immediately. Chief Pomeroy took steps to restore fairness to the disciplinary system, and now it is up to Chief Bratton to continue these improvements. We cannot allow our officers to continue to be punished because of complaints from the "laser lady" or for waving at a pedestrian – these complaints and the subsequent discipline make them fearful to do their jobs. We must instead empower officers to do their jobs and do them right, by administering fair and just punishments when necessary.

This process is already underway and we are currently in negotiations. As the Chair of the Leagues Discipline Reform – Ad Hoc committee, I want to assure you our goal is a system we (officers and the public) can all believe in. I am hopeful by the time you read this some reforms will be in place.

Let's stop attacking our officer's morale and let our supervisors do their real job- **Leading the World's Finest Police Officers!**

Proper implementation of the Consent Decree. Now that the League has won the right to sit at the negotiating table for the Consent Decree, we are more confident that it can be implemented fairly in the eyes of both the officers and the community. We need to ensure that reforms are implemented correctly and that officers are educated on how these changes might impact their duties or approaches to their jobs (without taking away their power to appropriately and effectively fight crime).

Preserving homeland security. As has been discussed in the pages of the *Blue Line* many times post-September 11, it is not only the role of the nation's police departments to protect against the daily occurrence of crime, but it is also critical that we act as a line of defense against terrorism. We all sadly witnessed what can happen to a city when extraordinary forces threaten public safety. Thankfully the well-trained men and women of the New York Police Department and other emergency personnel were adequately prepared to handle this mass emergency – but are we prepared here in Los Angeles? We can't take the risk that we aren't, and it must be our commitment to our community that we take all steps to ensure that we are.

Strengthening recruitment and retention efforts. Already under Chief Pomeroy, our Department saw an improvement in the numbers of officers staying or coming to the LAPD. We need to hang on to this momentum. The League has committed to assisting the Department with these efforts by running advertisements, speaking at recruitment events and continuing our other, routine recruitment activities to ensure that the top talent comes to the LAPD. We also work on your behalf to ensure that your needs are met, so that you will continue to serve our community as a proud member of the LAPD. It is imperative to our public safety that we get our numbers up, and we will continue to do what we can to assist in achieving this goal.

These are just the basic areas that I believe the Department needs to focus on as we head into 2003 under the direction of a new chief. It is also critical that we continue to elevate the stature of the

LAPD, by way of generating positive media coverage for our accomplishments, preserving effective programs such as community policing and aggressively defending our services for such entities as the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (for which the LAPD will have to defend its contract against the Sheriff's Department). The year ahead looks very promising, and the League looks forward to working with the Department to take on – and solve some of these challenges.

Continuing to Meet Members' Needs

For Web enthusiasts and those who want to be, I hope you have had the opportunity to visit the recently updated www.LAPD.com, the LAPPL's official Web site. In addition to re-designing the look of the site, we have added new content and reorganized it to better meet members' and other site visitors' needs. Members can find the information they need about working as an LAPD officer, online excerpts from the *Thin Blue Line* and information for how to contact the League for assistance with matters, while other visitors can find information on community activities and forums or how to become an LAPD officer.

I have been meeting with people in an effort to provide training material and resources for our members on the site. This will include material on officer rights, grievance process, legal up-dates, current MOU and general League news.

Please take a moment to stop by the site and take a look at the new information posted there. If you would be interested in receiving periodic e-mail updates on LAPPL and departmental news, please send an e-mail to PLNEWS@lappl.org; if you have specific feedback about the site – including suggestions for content – please drop me an e-mail at paulweber@lappl.org

Recruitment:

The combined effort of the City Department and the League has been paying off. We have seen a major improvement in recruitment. I strongly urge you to seek out qualified people to join the Department. We need our best recruiters and role models seeking out the best and brightest.

The Commanding Officer of recruiting, Captain Rick Webb, and his officers have done an outstanding job! I speak to Captain Webb and his staff often in an effort to improve the League's efforts in recruitment and resolve concerns of people attempting to return to the Department. Captain Webb is always on top of the issues and listens to the concerns of the League.

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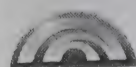
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Los Angeles Police Protective League Is Finally Vindicated

After a longstanding battle with the City of Los Angeles regarding the adequacy of the administrative appeal procedure offered to Los Angeles Police officers in the ranks of sergeant and below to challenge reductions in paygrade and deselections from bonused positions with an accompanying loss of pay and supervisory duties, the Los Angeles Police Protective League has been vindicated by two published Court of Appeal decisions rendered within two days of each other (*Los Angeles Police Protective League v. City of Los Angeles*, et al., Case No. BC240731, and *Darryl Brown v. City of Los Angeles*, et al., Case No. BS 062714), both of which were litigated by the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver.

The dispute regarding the adequacy of the administrative appeal process began as part of the contract negotiations between the League and the City in 1996. The parties reached impasse over the proper appeal mechanism for its members in the classifications of sergeant, detective and police officer, who the League believed had a property interest in their advanced paygrade and bonused positions which entitled them to due process before they could be reduced in paygrade with loss of pay, status and opportunities. The League based its position upon Los Angeles Police Department Manual Section 3/763.60. That Section provides that an officer cannot be reassigned to a lower paygrade arbitrarily or without cause. In order to be downgraded and reassigned, the officer must demonstrate a failure to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position, be counseled regarding his or her poor performance and be given an opportunity to improve. It is only when an officer continues to demonstrate a failure to satisfactorily perform that he or she may be removed. There is an exception to Section 3/763.60 allowing immediate reassignment based on a personnel complaint, but that, too, restricts the Department to very specific situations where a clear performance failure indicates the need for the immediate move.

The City's Last, Best and Final offer in 1996 provided an appeal procedure in which, (1) the burden of proof was on the officer rather than on the Department, (2) the Department was not required to present any evidence in support of its decision to reduce an officer's paygrade, and (3) the Chief of Police had full unfettered discretion to reject a hearing officer's recommendation after the appeal without any explanation. Rather than accept this scheme lacking due process protections, the League went to Arbitrator Tom Angelo as part of the prescribed impasse procedures available to it in negotiations. Angelo issued a Fact Finder's Report in February of 2000 finding that the City's proposal was unfair with respect to reductions in paygrade and deselections from bonused positions. Despite the Fact Finder's Report, the City refused to put in place any procedure for administrative appeals apparently in retribution for the League's refusal to concede to the ade-

quacy of the one set forth in its Last, Best and Final Offer. In fact, it wasn't until the Superior Court ordered the City to implement an administrative appeal procedure in *Darryl Brown v. City of Los Angeles*, et al. that the City came out with any procedure at all. In the meantime, officers were left with no forum to challenge the admittedly punitive action.

On November 15, 2000, the City unilaterally implemented Administrative Order No. 15, which was virtually identical to its Last, Best and Final Offer as the administrative appeal procedure available to officers who wished to challenge their reductions in paygrade or deselection from bonused positions. The League immediately reacted by retaining the Santa Monica based law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver, the firm handling *Darryl Brown*, to file a Complaint for Declaratory Relief on November 22, 2000, challenging the constitutionality of Administrative Order No. 15. (*Los Angeles Police Protective League v. City of Los Angeles*)

The League, in its representative capacity on behalf of its members, contended that Sections 3/763.55 and 3/763.60 of the Department Manual taken together comprise a requirement that its members cannot be reassigned or deselected without good cause from advanced paygrade and bonused positions and that these requirements create a property interest. That property interest entitles the officers to proper due process under the California and United States Constitutions before the Department can remove them. The League asked the Superior Court to declare that Administrative Order No. 15 did not satisfy due process of the mandates of the Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights Act, California Government Code Sections 3300, et seq. for the reasons described above.

Since there were no disputed material facts, the League and the City agreed to have the Court hear the matter on cross-motions for summary judgment or summary adjudication of issues. The Court found that, (1) the officers had no property interest in their advanced paygrade and bonused positions which entitled them to due process rights under the state and federal constitutions, and (2) Administrative Order No. 15 did meet the minimum due process protections required by the Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights Act. The Court entered summary judgment in favor of the City.

The League pressed forward. On appeal, Division Four of the Second Appellate District disagreed with the Superior Court in an opinion filed on September 18, 2002. The Court of Appeal first addressed the issue of whether officers hold a property interest in their paygrades. The Court looked to another League-sponsored case, *Cooper v. City of Los Angeles*, Case No. B142714, also brought by Silver, Hadden & Silver, and decided by Division Seven of the Second Appellate District on July 16, 2002. In that case, Division Seven expressly held that Department Manual Section 3/763.60 did give

Detective Kelly Cooper a property interest in his advanced paygrade of Detective II. The Court focused on the fact that Section 3/763.60 restricts the Department's ability to remove an officer to specified reasons and held that the limitations that Section 3/763.60 impose on the Department's ability to act give rise to a property interest deserving of due process protections.

Although the *Cooper* opinion was not published and may not be cited as precedent, Division Four invoked the principle of collateral estoppel against the City and the Chief of Police and held that *Cooper* deprives them of the argument that a reduction in paygrade or reassignment from a bonused position does not constitute a property interest subject to due process protections. The Court of Appeal continued on to hold that Administrative Order No. 15 was deficient in this respect because it put the burden of proof on the officer rather than the Department and did not require the Department to establish the requirements for reducing an officer's paygrade as set out in Department Manual Sections 3/763.55 and 3/763.60, or, indeed, to put on any evidence at all. This scheme did not satisfy either the state and federal constitutions or the minimum due process requirements of the administrative appeal provided by Government Code Section 3304(b) of the Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights Act.

The Court of Appeal stopped short of holding that the Chief of Police was not a neutral fact finder for due process purposes because the Chief is both the person who initiates the decision to reduce the advanced paygrade or deselect the officer from a bonused position and also the one who makes the final decision. The Court did note that there may be other requirements lacking in Administrative Order No. 15 which make the Chief's role inadequate or improper. However, it did not reach those matters.

On September 19, 2002, just one day after the *Los Angeles Police Protective League v. City of Los Angeles* opinion described above was rendered, Division Seven of the Second Appellate District decided *Darryl Brown v. City of Los Angeles*. In that case, Officer Brown challenged in Superior Court a number of issues arising from the Department's decision to downgrade him from his advanced paygrade position from Police Officer III to Police Officer II. The Superior Court had ruled against Brown's contention that he had a property interest in his advanced paygrade and that the procedures in Administrative Order No. 15 did not satisfy due process or the requirements of Government Code Section 3304(b). The Superior Court had ruled that his Petition for Writ of Mandate was premature because he had not exhausted the appeal provided by Administrative Order No. 15 and refused to listen to Brown's argument that the appeal would not be adequate and, therefore, exhaustion would be futile. The Superior Court also would not grant him back pay, as was granted to Detective Cooper to punish the Department for failing to provide him with a timely administrative appeal, due to the fact that the League and the City were engaged in the protracted negotiations over the implementation of a proper appeal process. It was only during the middle of the *Brown* writ proceedings that the Department created and adopted Administrative Order No. 15. The Superior Court deemed the order to have provided "due process rights and protections beyond those required by Government Code Section 3304(b)."

Division Seven reversed the rulings of

the Superior Court in *Brown*. The Court of Appeal held that Brown did have a property interest in his advanced paygrade position, and that his interest was created by the Department Manual and its limitations upon an officer's downgrade. It reached that conclusion independently without even relying upon the collateral estoppel effect of its own *Cooper* decision. It then examined Administrative Order No. 15 and held that it was not adequate from a due process standpoint because it (1) placed the burden of proof upon Brown, (2) did not require the Department to establish the requirements for a downgrade set out in the Department Manual, (3) did not require the Department to present any evidence, and (4) did not require the hearing officer or the Chief to base their decision on the pertinent substantive criteria in the Department Manual.

The Court of Appeal also held that the Chief of Police could not be the neutral decision-maker required by due process since he both initially authorized the punitive action and was also the final decision-maker on the administrative appeal. The Court of Appeal reasoned that the combination of procedures in Administrative Order No. 15 considered in conjunction with the Chief as the final decision-maker present "an intolerably high risk of unfairness."

The Court of Appeal also collaterally estopped the City from basing a reduction in paygrade on charges of which Brown had been exonerated by previous Boards of Rights and remanded the case to the Superior Court with directions to issue a Writ of Mandate ordering the Department to give Brown a hearing on his downgrade which comports with due process and to award him back pay for the period beginning eighteen days after the date on which he requested his administrative appeal until such time as he is given the proper hearing.

Sadly, the City has petitioned the California Supreme Court seeking its review of these two opinions. The Supreme Court may either deny or accept review. In the meantime, the City has refused to implement a new administrative appeal procedure for officers to challenge reductions in paygrade or deselections from bonused positions. In fact, the City has refused to hold any appeal hearings previously scheduled pursuant to Administrative Order No. 15 based on its belief that the Supreme Court will grant review. Meanwhile, the League intends to continue to defend its position until all officers are offered a fair administrative appeal procedure in a timely fashion to challenge the Department's imposition of discipline in the form of reductions in paygrade. The League, through the firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver, has already succeeded in obtaining the *Cooper* back pay remedy for many of its members who fell subject to Administrative Order No. 15.

To date, these two opinions are both published and may be relied upon by all law enforcement officers in California to help define the minimal due process provided by Government Code Section 3304(b), and the due process clauses of the state and federal constitutions, respectively. For LAPD officers, we advise that you continue to file appeal requests in a timely fashion and to preserve all legal issues until such time as finality is reached.

Our heartfelt Congratulations and thank you to our panel attorneys at Silver, Hadden & Silver for their hard work and tremendous victories in these cases.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all of you.



WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for
whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

—John Donne

A Police Psychologist Comments On The Protocol of Investigation of Officer- Involved-Shootings

Dr. Larry Blum is a well known police psychologist. He obtained his Ph.D. in 1976 and since 1981 has been studying trauma disorders in law enforcement. He has functioned as a police psychologist for eighteen police departments and has developed and implemented post-traumatic intervention techniques for police officers, problem-oriented treatment technology for police stress reactions, and treatment of post-traumatic and cumulative stress disorders.

Dr. Blum is the author of two books relating to police officers involved in deadly force situations. The first is "Force Under Pressure, How Cops Live and Why They Die" which details the physical and psychological effects on an officer involved in a deadly force situation. The second is "Stoning the Keepers at the Gate" which addresses the enormous stresses that officers encounter on the job and challenges the lack of understanding by the management of their police departments and the public. I highly recommend both of these books. Dr. Blum is concerned with the use of force issues facing Los Angeles Police Officers. This is from Dr. Blum.

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Concerns With The Current LAPD Officer- Involved-Shooting Investigation Process

The primary purpose for investigating officer actions following an OIS is to gain an accurate/factual understanding of the conditions and scene that resulted in officer decisions to use lethal force—i.e., why they shot a suspect. The results of the investigation are critical to the officer, of course, because they will either justify the officer's use of lethal force, or identify elements of the officer's actions that violated policy, tactical training, or law.

Regardless of the specific wording in any police jurisdiction, the primary legal test that justifies officers' use of lethal force can be roughly stated as follows: would any reasonable person with the officer's training and experience have perceived lethal threat in the words and/or actions of a suspect?

Logic, reason, and ethics would then demand that any part of that investigation that detracts from the accurate reporting by the officer of his or her reasons for shooting their weapon would be cause for alarm and action—which brings us to our current concerns about the current officer-involved-shooting protocol generated in the LAPD.

No matter how many years of training in tactics an officer possesses, their success or failure in an OIS is determined by the decisions they make regarding how and when to apply those tactics. All other things being equal, what actually determines propriety or tragedy in an OIS is how the officer's brain reacts to the perception of lethal threat.

The vast majority of shooting incidents occur during moments in which officers are mentally unprepared for the encounter. When the officer experiences a startle reaction, shock, or feeling of

threat to their personal control, instinctive biological reactions are created by their brain that may disrupt or influence officer perception and actions. (See, for example, Grossman & Siddle, "Critical Incident Amnesia: The Physiological Basis and the Implications of Memory Loss During Extreme Survival Stress Situations" 2000; and Blum, L. "Force Under Pressure: How Cops Live and Why They Die.")

In response to unanticipated threat, officers, like any human being, therefore, are biologically predisposed to undergo a momentary shock reaction (occurring at moments that cause the officer to utter an "Oh, shit!"). Some measurable amount of time is required for the officer to re-orient himself or herself and act upon the contact, because they are first reacting to it (called perceptual lag). A sense of urgency is likely to be created then. The most commonly reported experiences to me when officers were mentally unprepared for their use of lethal force were a slow motion perception, "tunnel vision" where peripheral vision was extinguished, a muffling of sound, detail errors such as inability to report the specific reasons why an officer shot bullet #2, #3... #11, etc., and gaps in recollection of the event. (See, for example, Janis, I & Mann, L. "Decision Making: A Psychological Analysis of Conflict, Choice, and Commitment," 1977, et. al.)

This reaction is, actually, a common occurrence in law enforcement, because most of the incidents resulting in an OIS contain unanticipated, rapidly changing, or chaotic conditions, those elements of a scene most likely to disrupt an officer's prior tactical expectations and planning. Indeed, I have found about seven-out-of-every-ten police officers involved in an OIS have undergone some or all of the above sensory distortions.

No training is given to LAPD patrol officers to maintain mental concentration, focus of attention, and purposeful, decisive thinking during emergency conditions. Only special assignment units such as S.W.A.T. receive constant practice in performance under stressful conditions. Therefore, the majority of officers are currently placed in the position where any perceptual shock that (automatically) occurs when humans experience unanticipated, severe threat, will rapidly become a sensory distortion that is then reported upon through an investigation that emphasizes factual detail over perception that may be used to crucify the officer for doing what the level of their training permitted them to do.

The taped investigative interview is often held prior to the time expected for officers to re-organize themselves psychologically in the aftermath of lethal contact. This is counter-indicated from everything we know in science about gaining accuracy and reality in police reports. Detailed fact oriented interrogations are structured to find acts that will possibly be found to violate policy and law, as opposed to identifying officers' state of mind, which deals with their perceptions. Officers' mental state is of critical importance in determining the propriety of their actions in uses of lethal force, since it is the officer's perceptions that determine their actions, not the actual objective features of the scene. Without an expertise in how a police officer's mind reacts precipitantly to, during, and subsequent to, an OIS, reviewers are not likely to competently and accurately identify or report the officer's mental state at the time they shot.

From a scientific perspective, some form of psychological debriefing is required in the immediate aftermath of an OIS to permit clarity in officers' recollection as part of the total focus of the first several hours post-incident.

What becomes Post-traumatic Stress Disorder began as sensory distortions that were not debriefed in the immediate aftermath of the OIS. Every single officer reading the "Blue Line" knows of officers who were forced to "pension out" due to their impaired conditions after traumatic events. I have personally documented secondary traumatization in literally hundreds of officers caused by actions taken by an agency after an OIS, especially involving officers remaining isolated from their peers and family for eight to sometimes sixteen hours following their undergoing either a perceptual lag (that split-second it takes for the officer to re-orient themselves to what they must now encounter) or freeze frame (that split-second in the incident where the primary impact occurs "locks in" to the officers mind) phenomena. In a freeze frame phenomena, the officer's eyes "see" the actual changes occur, but those changes do not register to the officer's conscious mind. These are the situations in which officers' reports are often not corroborated by physical evidence found at the scene. (See, for example, Blum, L., "Force Under Pressure: How Cops Live and Why they Die," 2000; Horiwitz, M. "Stress Response Syndromes," 1976)

The immediate aftermath of the OIS is the most critical time in determining how and if the officer will recover from an OIS. We know that it is commonplace for a spontaneous memory recovery of an incident from 24-hours later to sometimes months later. Whether others who mistrust police want to believe the officer is lying or not, science has documented memory recoveries following some lapse of time post-incident: "Wait a second. I remember now. I wasn't at the tree when I fired, I was behind my patrol unit, and then ran to the tree after I shot. Oh, shit. I reported to them that I shot from the cover of the tree. What do I do now?"

There are grave consequences to the officer for changing his or her report. These consequences are counter-factual (wrong) from all that is now known in science. We expect an initial, transitional, short-term distorted and/or amnesic response in people during the course of sensory shock caused by traumatic stress. Shock, distortion in perceptions, or amnesic reactions can be rapidly extinguished via psychological debriefing methods similar to Cognitive Interview techniques used currently in court to aid victims and witnesses in accurate recollection and reporting.

Since the *Jaffe v. Redmond* decision, psychologists also possess privilege and confidentiality in their work with clients through the federal court. Several police agencies now routinely provide confidential psychological debriefing to their officers (not a meeting to clear the officer to return to duty, but strictly assistance to the officer) in the immediate aftermath of shootings where someone is hit. The debriefing serves to identify the existence of any symptoms of post-traumatic stress, normalizes officer reactions by activating their "thinking brain" in the immediate aftermath of shock, and provides strategies for post-incident adaptation. Extinction of post-incident shock and activation of the thinking brain permits officers to accurately recall and report their perceptions and actions, as well as prevent the development of PTSD.

P.O.S.T.-certified training technology currently exists in Tactical Decision-Making Under Stress and Stress Exposure that can substantially lessen the likelihood of mental or perceptual shock or under-controlled officer actions when they encounter unanticipated, rapidly changing, or chaotic conditions. Trauma Support Teams, comprised of trained police officers acting under my license, now provide debriefing support to offi-

cers at several departments throughout the critical hours post-incident. Is Los Angeles' approach to responding to an OIS so isolated from the rest of local law enforcement practices that it provides just a few of these crucial resources to their officers? Unfortunately, unless and until decision and policy-makers become knowledgeable about the above issues and work from science as opposed to (political and personal) opinion, officers will face a possibly harder foe to meet after they have solved the field problem with the suspect.

Conclusion

Dr. Blum is not advocating anything new. Psychology has been aware of these principles for years.

The mentality of some of those members of the public who make judgements against officers who are involved in on duty shootings is amazing. Their reasoning rests upon the premise that an officer probably committed a crime when he or she used deadly force. That premise is sadly flawed.

Take a worst case scenario such as an officer shooting a teenager who turns out to not have a gun. To believe that an officer committed a crime (which is supposed to result from a rational moral decision to do a wrongful act, thus deserving punishment) you have to believe that the officer woke up that morning with the desire to shoot an unarmed teenager and kept looking until he found one to shoot. If that is not the case, then he shot the unarmed teenager by mistake. You can argue as to whether it was a small mistake or a really big mistake, but, in either case, you do not have an officer who intended to commit a crime, you have a mistake made in seconds under high stress conditions. If you send people out with guns and tell them to go in harm's way, it is inevitable that tragic mistakes will eventually happen. That needs to be understood by those of us who benefit by the officers who are still willing to go in harm's way to protect us. It is easy to tear these officers apart to satisfy law enforcement critics, it is harder to hear the warning bells and try to understand what really happened.

The current protocol is set up to maximize the occurrences of inconsistent statements. The irony is that inconsistent statements in high stress critical incidents are in reality meaningless, although they can be trumpeted near and far as "evidence" of guilt by those with the desire to do so. The protocol should realize that the warning bells lie in the incident that has no inconsistencies.

Chief Bratton has said that we are going to "take back the streets." This is great news, but those who now "hold" the streets are not going to give it back without a fight. There will be violence because there are criminals ruling the street by violence who will use violence to resist change. The Chief has also said that he is going to uphold the Consent Decree. The Consent Decree does not mandate that science be ignored in the investigation of officer-involved-shootings, or other uses of force. Chief Bratton has the opportunity to demonstrate to our officers that, for the first time in years, they can count on upper management support when they go out there and do their jobs. The Use of Force protocol needs to be re-examined so an officer can have confidence in its fairness.

Chief Bratton sounds like a real leader and a real leader knows that when he sends his people in harm's way, he has an obligation to protect their rear and their flanks. If there is conscious wrongdoing on an officer's part, then disciplinary action has to be taken, but due process and the opportunity for the officer to put his best foot forward when explaining his actions will make the difference in morale. Best of luck to you, Chief, our officers need good leadership as much as the citizens of Los Angeles need good officers. May you repeat your New York success.

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Dear Mitzi:

I am writing to thank you and the entire Los Angeles Police Protective League Board of Directors for the cooperative spirit that existed between us during my tenure as Chief. This spirit allowed us to reach agreement on many issues that directly benefited your membership. I especially appreciate the civil and courteous tone that accompanied our conversations and deliberations. Your kind public words about me, as well as those of your colleagues, are most appreciated.

Bob Baker is to be commended for his work on the compressed work schedule, and several other Board members made especially valuable contributions to current issues. I have every expectation that the cordial relationship that existed between us will continue with Chief Bratton.

It is, of course, the LAPD officers, as well as the public, that benefited most from our harmony. The officers performed magnificently during the past six months. The crime rate was reduced significantly, and I sensed a renewed commitment by our officers to serve with excellence. The pride of our officers was evident in everything that they did. I said it repeatedly during the past six months that the strength of the LAPD has always been its people. The officers who now serve are as good and dedicated a group as have ever been associated with this organization. I am grateful for their efforts and for the fact that the Los Angeles Police Protective League and I were able to work together to support them.

Very truly yours,

MARTIN H. POMEROY
Chief of Police

Mr. Paul M. Weber
Police Protective League
1308 West 8th Street
Los Angeles, Ca 90017
Dear Paul Weber,

This correspondence was enthusiastically written to thank you for your donation to the September 21, 2002, and September 22, 2002, Hate Crimes booth held at the "Music Festival in the Park," in North Hollywood Area. As you might already know, the event was a great success.

The endeavor was a first for us at North Hollywood Area and we were seeking assistance from the entire community. We wanted to share our "Stop Hate" message with families, and specifically with their children. We were looking for something to "grab" the children's attention. Your pin and key chain were placed together with other items and given to children in a shopping bag imprinted with the Los Angeles Police Department Badge. The children were thrilled and their parents grateful.

Again, thank you for your donation and your support. By the way, since the event was so successful, our Bureau Commanding Officer has directed us to prepare for another event in early 2003. Therefore, we may be contacting your office again and requesting your assistance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Det. Margaret Moss at (818) 623-4081.

Very truly yours,
Martin H. Pomeroy, Chief of Police
Ronald E. Marbrey, Capt.
Commanding Officer
North Hollywood Division

Dear Mitzi Grasso,
SUBJECT: "Remember 911 Pins"

I am writing this to attempt to convince your group to reconsider having more of your "Remember 911" pins (see Xerox below) created.

I am the widow of a New Hampshire police officer, but I grew up in Los Angeles. My mother still lives there and obtained and sent me one of these pins last year. I think it is one of the best commemorative pins on this subject that I have seen, and so do a lot of other people! I wear my pin every day and hardly one day goes by that I don't have at least one person admire it and ask where I got it and if they can get one.

I still have a great deal of contact with my late husband's department, as well as the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (of which he was a member), and I work for the House of Representatives for the state of New Hampshire. Many of the members of all these groups have inquired how they could get one of the pins. (I even attended a National Conference of State Legislatures [NCSL] seminar in Portland, Oregon, a few weeks ago for legislative staff from around the country and several of them asked about it.)

If it is a matter of cost, I would be happy to approach some of these individuals and groups to see if they would be willing to pre-buy or even underwrite a portion of the cost of another run—if your group would be amenable to that.

I would appreciate any consideration you can give this request.

Sincerely,
Dianne Schuett, Pembroke, NH 03275

Dear Editor:

On September 5, 2002, I along with many other Department members, attended the annual Medal of Valor Awards luncheon hosted by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. It was truly an honor to pay tribute to those men and women who put their lives on the line for fellow officers and citizens. That same day, I also met with some members of my unit to discuss an adjudication of a separate officer-involved shooting in

which these three men and one woman courageously confronted and engaged an armed suspect and prevented further injury to officers or citizens. These actions are commonplace for the courageous officers assigned to a unit of which I am so proud to be a part. The Metropolitan Division K-9 Unit.

I went home that evening and received my September issue of the Blue Line. When I read the Metropolitan Division's section for the Divisional Reporter, I felt compelled to respond to the irresponsible, biased and unprofessional article by Kathy Hardy. Ms. Hardy wrote about the retirement of ex-K-9 handler, John Hall. First, I would like to express my sincere respect and congratulations to Officer Hall for his outstanding service to the city, the Department and the Metropolitan Division K-9 Unit. Unfortunately, Ms. Hardy's subliminal messages and references regarding "The Real K-9 1" and doing a "man's job" did not do any justice to John's acknowledgment as a member of this great unit.

There have been "K-9 1s" prior to and after John, as well as the current K-9 1 (who by the way is female) who have walked the point position and have earned the respect from their colleagues. You see, most of us have been taught that a person's character is judged and reputation is earned, not by a rank, title, call sign or gender, but rather by the virtue of their courage, compassion, commitment, selflessness and ability to lead. All of the past, "K-9 1s", as well as the current,

regardless of gender, have demonstrated that character.

For Ms. Hardy to refer to any job assignment on this great Department as a "real man's job" shows great disrespect to any female officer on this Department. All have endured the same rigorous training, patrolled the violent streets of Los Angeles and placed their lives on the line on a daily basis just as male officers have. Most have walked the point on searches for armed suspects. Some have been involved in courageous gun battles with violent suspects, and, in some cases, paid the ultimate sacrifice by losing their life in the line of duty.

As a "Divisional Reporter," Ms. Hardy is obligated to write articles that are non-biased, impartial to her personal feelings and benefit the Division as a whole. The Divisional Reporter was not the place for her to show disrespect to fellow employees or relay others' hidden messages. I would offer Ms. Hardy the following suggestions in her continual endeavor as Metro's Divisional reporter: Write articles that are responsible, non-biased, maintain respect for all and are in the best interest of all Metropolitan Division personnel.

Sincerely,
Steve Zipperman
Metropolitan Division, K-9 Unit

Dear Editor,
To all of the Officers and Staff of the Southwest Division, of the LAPD

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NAME: Richard C. Briggs #6135
RANK: Lieutenant II
ASSIGNED TO: No Division found.
BORN: January 27, 1927
APPOINTED: March 16, 1949
RETIRED: February 8, 1977
DIED: October 9, 2002

NAME: John R. Schuster, Jr. #17057
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Southeast
BORN: June 10, 1948
APPOINTED: June 28, 1971
RETIRED: November 29, 1978
DIED: October 9, 2002

NAME: Thomas A. Houchen #4899
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Venice/Pacific Div.
BORN: August 14, 1924
APPOINTED: September 2, 1947
RETIRED: March 14, 1976
DIED: October 12, 2002

NAME: Irving McMenamin #4231
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Frauds
BORN: June 15, 1921
APPOINTED: February 19, 1947
RETIRED: March 31, 1968
DIED: October 14, 2002

NAME: Jack L. Eberhardt #6651
RANK: Captain III
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire
BORN: October 12, 1928
APPOINTED: June 1, 1950
RETIRED: August 25, 1979
DIED: October 15, 2002

NAME: William Heldorn #3980
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Burglary Auto Theft
BORN: September 1, 1920
APPOINTED: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: December 24, 1974
DIED: October 22, 2002

NAME: Richard J. Reynolds #7815
RANK: Lieutenant I
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood
BORN: March 5, 1928
APPOINTED: April 28, 1957
RETIRED: September 21, 1977
DIED: October 26, 2002

NAME: Richard L. Neuenschwander #12161
RANK: Policeman III
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Traffic
BORN: July 9, 1934
APPOINTED: August 2, 1965
RETIRED: August 25, 1991
DIED: October 28, 2002

NAME: Raymond H. Walker #7825
RANK: Detective III
ASSIGNED TO: Hollenbeck
BORN: October 8, 1934
APPOINTED: April 29, 1957
RETIRED: January 25, 1989
DIED: October 28, 2002

NAME: Eugene Rock #6303
RANK: Captain III
ASSIGNED TO: Robbery Homicide
BORN: November 1, 1921
APPOINTED: May 16, 1969
RETIRED: June 21, 1979
DIED: October 31, 2002

NAME: Fred "Derf" Thompson #17771
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill
BORN: October 22, 1948
APPOINTED: September 5, 1972
RETIRED: April 8, 1999
DIED: November 8, 2002

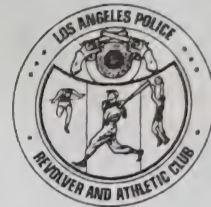
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RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Central Jail
BORN: November 4, 1910
APPOINTED: September 7, 1943
RETIRED: January 1, 1969
DIED: November 10, 2002

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ASSIGNED TO: Southwest
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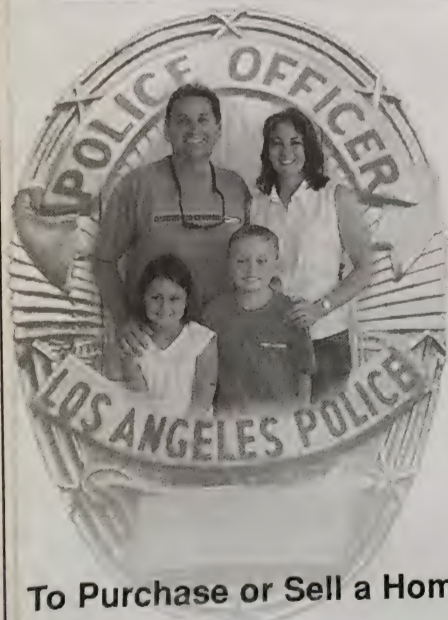


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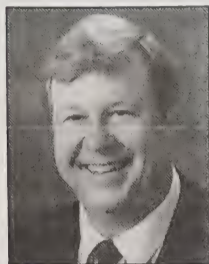
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Overview

The 2002 Legislative Session was, with several exceptions, an unqualified success for the League! Combining the legislative success we enjoyed in 2001, the 2001-2002 Legislative Session was undoubtedly the League's most productive two-year session ever!

There were enormous challenges facing us at the start of the session. The most challenging was facing and surviving a \$23.8 billion budget deficit. (That sum is almost 25% of the entire budget). We survived while most everyone else was cut!

In the Workers' Comp and retirement areas, we were successful in passing landmark bills which would dramatically increase the benefits for injured workers—the first such increase since 1981. As this report details, there were a number of other significant retirement and workers comp benefit enhancements—particularly passage of the "Sam Browne" presumption for back injuries and, if "4850" time runs out, the requirement mandating advanced disability payments to help officers if they are injured on the job.

The League was successful in legislation to protect our members' rights, and no legislation was more important than SB1516, a measure which finally put some teeth in the Peace Officer's Bill of Rights! SB1516 will hold management civilly liable if they maliciously violate an officer's rights under POBR. We also succeeded in strengthening Meyers Milias Brown to protect those persons who represent our union from retaliation by management. We even secured legislation waiving most of the security guard fees for officers who "moonlight."

Finally, we were able to defeat legislation which would have been harmful to the interests of League members. We were able to kill bills imposing civil liability on officers for racial profiling, bills to weaken "Three Strikes," a bill to allow management the discretion to investigate an officer's financial records, and bills to allow a detainee to "walk" if he or she just gives you a thumbprint.

These are just some of the League's successes we enjoyed in 2001-2002. There are many other highlights in this report, which are outlined in this summary, and in the final 2001-2002 Report on Legislation.

Law Enforcement Funding

With a \$23.8 billion deficit, almost 25% of the overall budget, the League faced a serious challenge in securing funding for our officers in this year's budget. With the Governor's backing, we were able to secure full funding for our officers. The major state programs affecting local law enforcement included in the Governor's budget for 2002-2003 are:

- Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) and Juvenile Crime Prevention Programs—\$232.6 million in 2002-03 to fund the COPS program (\$116.3 million). Cumulatively, \$807.8 million has been provided for the COPS and Juvenile Crime Prevention programs over the course of this Administration.
- Technology Grants for Local Law Enforcement—\$18 million in 2002-03 for local law enforcement agencies to

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purchase high technology equipment for crime prevention and suppression (\$145.8 million cumulatively).

- Fighting High Technology Crime and Identity Theft—\$14.4 million in 2002-03 for these programs (\$33.6 million cumulatively). These programs consist of five task forces that use specialized techniques to apprehend and prosecute offenders of high technology crimes and identity theft.
- War on Methamphetamine. \$15 million for disbursement to High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTAs) throughout the state (\$45 million cumulatively).
- Booking Fees—\$38.2 million to reimburse county incarceration cost.
- Helped local government protect VLF funding.

All these programs benefit League members directly, such as funding for peace officer positions, or indirectly by providing resources and support for our crime fighting efforts.

From the outset last fall, with over \$4 billion vehicle license (VLF) fee revenues at risk, we joined with local governments to prevent cuts to VLF funding. Public safety gets a significant share (almost two thirds) of VLF funding, so we have a great stake in this fight. The League joined with local governments in protecting local VLF funds.

In addition, the League was able to help defeat an effort by the Legislative Analyst to suspend or eliminate state reimbursement for the Peace Officer's Bill of Rights.

At stake was a \$50 million reduction in mandated relief to local government, a portion of which costs would have almost surely been absorbed by the Department at the expense of our members.

Few outside Sacramento understand what an enormous and difficult job it is to shepherd these budget items through several Budget Sub Committees (of both houses), through a Budget Conference Committee, and through a recalcitrant Legislature. Literally, this process involves hundreds of hours of time, and often evenings and weekends. This is an exhausting, boring process, fraught with peril, whereby you can literally lose millions in one legislative action. This was particularly true this year when there was the pressure of a \$23.8 billion deficit. While the League was a major winner in this year's budget fight, our working relationship with the Department and other law enforcement groups helped make us successful! While we clash with management in other areas, the budget is one of the areas where labor and management must work together to succeed.

Strengthening the Rights of Our Members and Our Union

SB1516 (Romero, D, Los Angeles) was undoubtedly one of our major victories in 2002! Rank and file peace officers who maliciously disregard the rights of others are always severely disciplined, often times terminated, and may even be criminally prosecuted. Yet, this high standard does not apply to law enforcement managers. Currently, a manager can maliciously, with the intent to injure an officer, deprive the officer of his or her rights guaranteed by the Peace Offi-

cers Bill of Rights, and there is little by way of legal redress the officer can do. Under current law, the officer is limited to petitioning the court for injunctive relief to prevent current and future POBR violations of these types. However, there are no sanctions in place against the department or agency, and the worst thing that can happen to the employee is for a court to tell the employer, "don't do that," after the aggrieved officer has often suffered years of financial, personal and professional harm.

SB1516 would provide peace officers with the ability to protect their rights under POBR in a matter similar to the civil rights laws that allow private counsel for the plaintiff to act as attorneys' general in enforcing and protecting these statutory rights. SB1516 provides that, in addition to injunctive relief, any public safety department or its employees or agents who willfully and maliciously violate an officer's POBR rights, may be liable for damages to the officer, a civil penalty of up to \$25,000, and attorney's fees.

AB1835 (Bates, R. Laguna Niguel). Current law requires that an officer must take receipt of an individual placed under citizen's arrest. The criminal penalties attached to Penal Code Section 142 leave the officer no room to exercise his/her discretion in determining if a crime has occurred and if the person's civil rights would be violated if placed under arrest. Penal Code Section 142, which makes it a felony for a peace officer to refuse to accept custody of an individual arrested by a private person pursuant to Penal Code Section 837 ("citizen's arrest") can create a significant conflict with the federal requirement that a peace officer must have probable cause before taking a person into custody. If an officer does believe that a crime has been articulated by the private person, the officer is still obligated to accept custody of the individual and can then release the person from custody pursuant to Penal Code Section 849(b)(1). These conflicting laws place the officer in the proverbial "catch 22" situation. If the officer refuses to take custody of the individual because of a lack of a probable cause, he or she could be found to be in violation of Penal Code Section 142. On the other hand, if the officer does not believe a crime has been articulated, but follows the mandated PC Section 142 and accepts custody for the purpose of complying with the state law, he or she could be found to have violated the individual's federal civil rights. AB1835 extends the immunity from liability given to peace officers for false arrest or false imprisonment to arrests made pursuant to a citizen's arrest. The bill would also exempt peace officers from criminal liability for refusing to take persons into custody pursuant to a citizen's arrest.

AB1873 (Koretz, D. West Hollywood). Under existing law, peace officer personnel records or information from those records, is confidential and may not be disclosed by the department or agency that employs the peace officer in any civil or criminal proceeding except by discovery pursuant to specified provision of law. Under this measure, these records may not be disclosed in any civil or criminal proceeding by any other entity with custody of those records, such as

the District Attorney, except by discovery pursuant to specified provisions of law. The League believes extending the confidentiality of an officer's records necessary for his/her protection and protection of an officer's family.

AB1840 (Diaz, D. San Jose) will assist officers who "moonlight" as security guards by eliminating some of the bureaucratic "red tape" and fees charged by BSIS. The bill exempts peace officers applying to the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) for registration as a security guard from the requirement to submit a set of fingerprints to the Department of Justice. It requires peace officers exempt from the fingerprint submission requirement, to submit verification of their active duty peace officer status to BSIS with their registration application. To facilitate registration, the bill specifically provides that a photocopy of the front and back of their peace officer identification badge shall be adequate verification. The bill also requires peace officers, exempt from the fingerprint submission requirement, to report a change in their active duty peace officer status to the Bureau within 72 hours of the change of active duty peace officer status. Finally, AB1840 also requires a peace officer who engaged as a security guard to pay registration fees but exempts the peace officer from other fees imposed on security guards.

AB2412 (Diaz, D. San Jose) specifically provides that employees have a right to inspect and copy their payroll records, and it specifies duties and the time frames necessary for responses to an employee's payroll copy request. AB2412 will facilitate timely resolutions of disputes over payroll records. The bill provides a \$1,000 penalty if the employer refuses to comply with the employee's request.

SB1356 (Murray, D. Los Angeles) will help provide outside employment opportunities for ALADS members. "Film California First," supports California's entertainment industry by assisting in the underwriting of actual costs incurred by production companies that wish to film in California. This measure is important to the League because the bill adds local law enforcement to the list of reimbursable costs. As the law now reads, only the California Highway Patrol is a reimbursable law enforcement agency, thus limiting the use of these funds due to the CHP's limited jurisdiction. By expanding these reimbursable costs to local law enforcement, the League and other local law enforcement agencies can compete with the CHP in providing security services to California filmmakers.

SB1350 (McPherson, R. Santa Cruz) creates the Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee (ERTAC), which is comprised of both management and labor representatives from state and local law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical and POST. SB1350 also requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, the Emergency Medical Services Authority, and the State Fire Marshal to develop terrorism awareness training standards for first responders (i.e., law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians) based on, but not limited to, the recommendations from

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ERTAC. Importantly, rank and file peace officers will be represented on this committee as they fashion the best training and response program to combat terrorism.

AB2846 (Frommer, D, Los Feliz) and **SB1359** (Haynes, R, Riverside) addressed the issue of flags and flag pins. After 9/11, many Los Angeles police officers wore flag pins memorializing support for their brothers and sisters in New York. Although officers in other jurisdictions wore similar pins, it was only LAPD officers that were officially reprimanded on the basis that these pins had not been officially "approved" by the Department. This was typical of management's "letter of the law" philosophy and symptomatic of the dysfunctional relationship that existed between then Chief Parks and the League. The League introduced legislation to address this obvious heavy-handedness of management and passage of both bills means that management can no longer discipline an officer either for wearing a flag pin or without notifying the officer in writing before taking any adverse action. These bills passed the Legislature without a dissenting vote!

Enhancing Officer Health and Safety

The 2002 legislative session brought good news and welcome relief for injured officers. **AB749** (Calderon and Burton), a major workers' comp reform bill, provides for the first time since 1981 increased employee benefits for injured officers. Key provisions of **AB749** would do the following:

- Increase maximum weekly benefits for temporary disability, and permanent total disability, from \$490 to \$602 on January 1, 2003.
- Increase maximum benefits in both categories to \$840 per week by 2005. Thereafter, benefits would be adjusted annually based on increases in the state's average weekly wage.
- Provide benefits ranging from \$130 to \$270 per week by 2006, depending on the extent of injury, for permanent and partial disabilities. The current range is \$70 to \$230.
- Increase maximum death benefits from \$160,000 to \$320,000.

While **AB749** was, to be sure, a major win, it was not without a price. Unfortunately, one reform in the bill which was a "takeaway" will affect us. I am troubled by the repeal of the presumption of correctness now given to a treating physician. I do not believe the "pre-designation" approach provided in the bill is workable because of the treatment requirements. We will closely monitor this situation and, if corrective legislation is needed, we will move forward with a "fix."

AB486 (Calderon, D, Montebello) is a major "clean up" measure to **AB749**. Among other things, this bill corrects an error in computing workers' compensation benefits (favorable to the employee), clarifies funding for carrying out mandates required by **AB749**, and clarifies provisions relating to outpatient surgeries, as well as several other provisions. Together, **AB749** and **AB486** are the most labor friendly Workers' Comp bills in the past 20 years!

Another key bill that will help injured officers and that I'm very pleased to report was signed into law was **AB1982** (Bogh, R, Cherry Valley). **AB1982** provides any peace officer who is injured on the job an important "safety net" by requiring mandatory disability payments after the officer has exhausted his or her "4850" time, vacation and sick leave. There have been a number of

cases reported where injured officers have even had to go on welfare when their benefits ran out because no final determination had been made about their disability. **AB1982** is an important "safety net" for officers injured on the job, and it will help provide an incentive for employers to resolve officer claims in a timely way!

AB1847 (Correa, D, Anaheim) establishes a presumption under the workers' comp law that any illness, injury or disability due to exposure to a biochemical substance is presumed to arise out of the course of their employment. Those who wear the badge of "first responder" necessarily bear the burdens of exposure to harm from unknown dangers. **AB1847** will help address employee concerns about chemical and biological agents that may be employed by terrorists.

AB2423 (Cardenas, D, Sylmar) expands the current law to allow testing for any communicable disease from any sample of blood obtained at any time without the authorization of the blood donor. Currently, the law allows testing only for HIV samples obtained prior to an exposure incident. Enactment of **AB2423** may help protect and save the lives of peace officers and other "first responders."

SB1311 (Kuehl, D, Santa Monica). Due to widespread cellular phone usage, emergency response teams within large metropolitan areas, such as Los Angeles County, have experienced difficulties when trying to communicate with colleagues. Such occurrences, particularly if a major disaster happens in a large California city, could be devastating to the public or to a deputy anytime an officer needs assistance. **SB1311** authorizes the providers of commercial mobile radio service, when entering into a contract with a public safety agency, to give that agency priority over the transmissions of other individuals or entities. Giving peace officer and fire personnel priority means that they would receive the first free line whenever attempting to place a call.

AB669 (Hertzberg, D, Sherman Oaks) establishes enabling authority to create a "311" non-emergency number. The "311" system is designed for routine public safety calls. The use of the new "311" will free up the overused "911" number.

As a result of threats and numerous violent incidences involving public safety officers and judges, **AB2238** (Dickerson, R, Redding) was enacted which would make it a crime to post, on the Internet, the home address or phone numbers of officials or officers either to cause injury to those officers or to retaliate against them. The bill also creates an Advisory Task Force to help determine ways to further protect a peace officer's home information. Protection of the privacy of our members and their families is one of the League's highest priorities and **AB2238** advances our agenda and our members' safety substantially.

The League opposed and was able to defeat **SB331** (Morrow, R, Oceanside), which would have made it very easy for civilians to obtain powerful pepper spray weapons, which could be used against our officers. While the League does not oppose civilian use of non-lethal weapons, we were concerned that these weapons were so powerful that they would be used in non-defensive ways against our officers.

Enhancing Retirement Benefits

The Los Angeles Police Protective League-supported federal tax conformity bills passed the legislature and were signed into law by Governor Davis. These bills, **AB1122** (Corbett, D, San Leandro) and **SB657** (Scott, D, Altadena)

increase limits for 401(k) plans for public employees from \$10,500 to \$15,000 by 2006, increase limits for 457 plans from \$11,000 to \$15,000, increase IRA limits, make rollovers easier, and so forth. Essentially, this combined federal-state legislation will benefit members' retirement options by allowing the officer to increase his or her contribution to retirement if the officer so desires. Members should check with a retirement planning specialist if they wish to take advantage of the enhanced retirement benefits under the new laws.

AB2008 (Correa, D, Anaheim) provides that minor children of any safety member covered by PERS, the '37 Act or other public retirement systems who was killed in the line of duty prior to January 1, 1990, will continue to receive full death benefit payments. This corrects an oversight in current law limiting benefits for families of officers killed in the line of duty before 1990.

AB2766 (Runner, R, Lancaster) facilitates reciprocity between '37 Act safety employees and other systems. Some safety employees spend years working for one county and then leave their positions, due to personal or professional reasons. They may work for a number of years in another public employment position. Upon retirement, that officer receives reciprocity from both employing public agencies with some form of benefit. The employer agencies each pay benefits based on the highest annual salary earned during the individual's work period for that agency. **AB2766** would allow establishment of partial reciprocity for retired safety members of two independent public retirement systems and the County Employee Retirement Act of 1937 ('37 Act) systems who would redeposit withdrawn or refunded contributions in order to reinstate an individual's right to receive a monthly retirement benefit. **AB2766** would recognize the combined years of service and the highest salary earned in each public agency in establishing the benefit level.

"Silver Bullets"

The following bills, all supported by the League, summarize legislation which strengthens the hand of public safety and public safety officers.

AB74 (Washington, D, Los Angeles) removes the "sunset" an expands the state's wiretap law.

AB415 (Runner, R, Lancaster and Madrox, R, Garden Grove) establishes the use of the Emergency Alert System (the "Amber Alert") for kidnappings and suspected kidnapping.

AB1155 (Dutra, D, Fremont) enhances penalties for counterfeiting driver's licenses.

AB1219 (Simitian, D, Palo Alto) strengthens the law regarding identity theft by allowing the victim an expedited hearing.

AB1746 (Liu, D, La Canada-Flintridge) clarifies eligibility for waiving state tuition for families of peace officers killed in the line of duty.

AB1759 (Wesson, D, Los Angeles) establishes the California Memorial Scholarship Fund for families of victims of 9/11.

AB1819 (Robert Pacheco, R, Walnut) enables expedited collection of delinquent fines and forfeitures.

AB1868 (Koretz, D, West Hollywood) removes the sunset on the residential nuisance abatement law, applicable to neighborhoods infested with prostitution or drugs.

AB1965 (Bogh, R, Cherry Valley) waives state tuition and fees for Medal of Honor recipients.

AB1967 (Zettel, R, Poway) requires Department of Corrections to notify local law enforcement of information regarding release of sexual predators.

AB1990 (Liu, D, La Canada-Flintridge) extends California asset forfeiture law to certain Asian gang activities.

AB2074 (Chavez, D, La Puente) stiffens

penalties for driving under the influence.

AB2105 (La Suer, R, La Mesa) requires DNA samples from suspected terrorists.

AB2106 (Bogh, R, Cherry Valley) extends local jurisdiction for terrorist crimes.

AB2112 (Cogdill, R, Modesto) stiffens law regarding transport of hazardous materials.

AB2114 (La Suer, R, La Mesa) requires Department of Justice to work with local crime labs regarding processing of evidence from terrorists.

AB2154 (Robert Pacheco, R, Walnut) removes sunset date from Expedited Youth Accountability Program in Los Angeles and other counties.

AB2499 (Frommer, D, Los Feliz) expands discovery law for prosecutors.

AB2589 (Cardoza, D, Merced) liberalizes law regarding destruction of certain chemicals, such as ingredients for Methamphetamine.

AB2659 (Runner, R, Lancaster) requires certification program for persons rolling fingerprints which are used for criminal identification.

SB836 (Scott, D, Altadena) tightens law regarding sexual offenders.

SB1241 (Figueroa, D, Fremont) tightens law on screening of employees by providers of private security services.

SB1267 (Battin, R, La Quinta) extends and enhances penalties for anyone making a false report of a weapon of mass destruction.

SB1287 (Alarcon, D, Sun Valley) expands weapons of mass destruction to include biological agents and vessels, aircraft or vehicles used in perpetration of a terrorist crime.

SB1320 (Kuehl, D, Santa Monica) expands definition of "stalking."

SB1489 (Perata, D, Alameda) expands officers' ability to seize vehicles used in speed contests.

SB1627 (Kuehl, D, Santa Monica) clarifies service of process for domestic violence cases.

SB1800 (Johannessen, R, Redding) establishes the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act.

SB1873 (Escutia, D, Whittier) provides certain benefits to the victims of 9/11 for loss of wages up to \$2,000 per person.

SB2057 (O'Connell, D, San Luis Obispo) expands penalties for reporting false emergencies.

Other Legislation of Interest

During the course of any legislative session, there are always bills introduced or amended which would create difficult problems for League members. Some are by design, some are because the author was unaware of the difficulties his or her bill would create. The most difficult bills deal with sensitive topics, such as "racial profiling" or "excessive force." These bills invariably attract the attention of the press who rarely take the side of law enforcement. Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg's bill to extend and expand the current racial profiling law, **AB2133**, was "gutted and amended," and now applies only to state prison inmate visits. While the issues of racial profiling will probably be with us for years to come, the League was instrumental in stopping both **AB788** (a bill to impose civil liability on peace officers who allegedly racially profile) and **AB2133** (a bill to expand and extend current law). In the interim, a number of departments and the CHP have submitted data to the state's Legislative Analyst who recently issued a report suggesting that more data is needed.

The issue of "excessive force" also arose after the broad media exposure of an incident involving an Inglewood police officer. Although no legislation has yet resulted, Speaker Wesson has established a commission to look into the broader issue of "police conduct."

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With League Director Ted Hunt appointed to the commission, the League will closely monitor that commission and its findings and recommendations.

Another bill actively opposed by the League, which we helped defeat was **AB2460** by Assembly Member Bill Campbell. This bill would have given management virtually unlimited access to the personal history of any applicant for a job with the department, including access to any sealed records and personal bank records. This "spot bill" originated with overzealous LAPD management types who have long had a burning desire to, among other things, obtain and monitor an officer's financial records and bank accounts. This small group of zealots tried to get the city's Legislative Analyst to approve this draconian legislation. When their proposal was turned down by the city, they proceeded to go behind the city's back to get the bill introduced by misrepresenting that this was an LAPD bill designed to address the "Rampart" issue. When this little fabrication was subsequently exposed (and our active opposition surfaced), the bill was quietly, if unceremoniously, dropped by the author! Hopefully, our new Chief will not tolerate this kind of conduct by his management staff!

The League also actively opposed and defeated two bills, **SB1307** (Haynes, R, Riverside) and **AB1944** (Wright, D, L.A.). These two bills would have seriously tied an officer's hands in the field. These two bills would have involved anyone who is stopped and detained, but who has no identification, to be released if they gave the officer a thumbprint. **AB1944** was killed on the Assembly floor, after heated debate by a vote of 11-44. After Senator Haynes saw how soundly we defeated **AB1944**, he shelved his own bill.

Two bills we also helped defeat were **AB1790** (Goldberg, D, L.A.) and **SB1517** (Polanco, D, L.A.). Both bills would limit application of the "three strikes" law. Goldberg's bill would essentially make it a requirement that the third strike be for a "serious and violent" crime, as opposed to the current law which essentially sentences "habitual" criminals. Polanco's bill is along the same lines, but specifies certain nonviolent felonies which would no longer fall under "three strikes." The main thrust of both of these bills is based on "propor-

tionality," that the third strike penalty is disproportionate to many of the third strike crimes committed. Yet it's hard to argue that, since its enactment in 1993, three strikes hasn't been an effective deterrent to crime. The last decade's crime statistics, indeed, show three strikes has worked very well. The "proportionality" argument, which has existed since the inception of three strikes, is based on the "cruel and unusual punishment" provisions of the Eighth Amendment and on the "due process" requirements of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. Every criminal sentenced under three strikes has had the opportunity for the courts to review his or her sentence for "proportionality," and, to date, very few cases have been overturned. The courts, for the most part, haven't found that third strike convictions have been disproportional after reviewing these cases. The bottom line is that the public does not want to weaken the current three strikes law, and the Governor will not sign a bill to weaken three strikes! The United States Supreme Court will review California's "three strikes" law and it is prudent to wait for a court ruling rather than legislate without court guidance.

Unfortunately, we lost several good bills last session.

One co-sponsored bill, **AB1917** (Matthews, D, Stockton) would expressly provide that owners of private property cannot prohibit off duty peace officers and honorably discharged retirees from carrying firearms onto their premises. This bill originally arose out of a case involving an off duty officer attempting to carry a concealed weapon into Sea World. Of course, that was before 9/11. The bill also would enact enabling legislation for all sworn peace officers to act as "Air Marshals" if the FAA and others approve.

We also co-sponsored **AB2742** (Pavley, D, L.A.), a bill which would remove current limitations in the law preventing the use of state funds for video surveillance. **AB2742** will allow any funding to be used to protect police and sheriffs' stations, patrol cars, and officers personally. Given that terrorists will likely target peace officers first, this bill seems a timely idea! Both of these bills, as well as **AB155** (Lowenthal, D, Long Beach), a measure to add a rank-and-file officer to the POST Commission, and **AB882** (Cedillo, D, L.A.), a bill to eliminate the ability of the Com-

mission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to revoke POST certificates, failed in the Senate Public

Safety Committee. This committee, for many bills, has not been a helpful one for rank-and-file officer interests.

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This letter has been one that I have longed to write, but health conditions have constantly prevented me from doing so. However, time is at hand, and the opportunity for me to complete this task is now. Let me start by simply saying thank you. Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, letters, phone calls, and the many visits I have received from my fraternal Brothers and Sisters of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Over 3-1/2 years ago, my life took a change that probably shocked everyone that knows me—"Jeff Wilson is sick." Throughout all my life, other than a cold, that was about it. However, life is full of surprises, turns and changes. This has been a difficult one for me, but has been made easier to bear through the various kind and friendly acts from you. I never thought I would speak these words, but I truly miss working, maybe not so much the work, but because of you, my friends. The LAPD is more than just a job, it is a place where lifetime friendships are forged and where trust is an essential component between each and every one of us. It is a place where, when the call is broadcast "Officers need assistance," it includes the need on the job as well as off the job.

In the last few years, the call has been broadcast for me on several occasions, and each time the response from the Department has been 100 percent. When I was in the need for blood, which truly is a gift of life, you responded in great numbers. For that I thank you. At one time in life, I had the stamina to stay on the tennis courts for ten hours and would be able to still put in a full workout at the gym. Now I cannot even muster up enough strength to be able to climb the stairs in my own home in order to go to bed. When word of this reached the Department, you surprised my wife with a monetary gift that allowed her to be able to purchase a convertible bed, which was placed downstairs for me. Again, the words thank you are not enough to express to you how much my family and I appreciate you.

Your acts of kindness over the last few years are immeasurable. Your gifts of love, that I know came straight from the heart, have brightened each and every day of my life, as I face this life struggle.

Being unable to do for oneself is a hard thing to deal with, when all your life was a natural thing to do. But knowing that there are friends like you in my life, it makes my inability to do something that I can cope with.

I don't really want to start naming those that I want to give special thanks to, but I want to thank Officers Chuck Halliburton, Terry Johns, Jimmy Render, Dave Williams, Ray Dorsey, Julius Wells, Tim Harris, Reggie Braggs, Chris Hughes and Austin Price. My wife and I will always be indebted to you for your kindness, and unselfish devotion to help a fellow officer. We appreciate each and every one of you.

There are many events in a person's life that we can call pivotal. For me, it was finding Christ Jesus as the center of my life. Through Him I am at peace with my situation. He is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows tired or weary and His understanding of my situation is crystal clear. Sometimes the physical pain becomes unbearable, however, I find it all right to cry aloud to the Lord. I know that I can lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy, I can pour out my complaint before Him. I can tell Him my troubles. Through Him I have realized that it's all right to question pain or to stab at anger. I can pour all of my troubles out to the Infinite One and He will continue to shed His love upon me.

Whatever the outcome of my health battle may be, I know that everything will be all right. I know that the Lord has promised to give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak. Although youths grow tired and weary, and the young stumble and fall, I know that the Lord has promised that those who hope in the Lord, He will renew their strength. He will give us wings to soar on, wings like eagles that we can run and not grow weary that we will walk and not be faint. God of our Fathers, please comfort us in our loneliness and grief.

I really don't know what else to say. My wife, my son and I are grateful. It makes me proud to have worn the uniform and to be called a Los Angeles Police Officer. Sincerely and always your Brother Officer, Jeffrey Wilson
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On October 27, 2000, Joseph Allain was arrested in Hawthorne, Calif., for a federal warrant related to the distribution of cocaine. Hawthorne Police Department also wanted to question Allain regarding a drive-by shooting wherein a 16-year-old female was murdered. Allain was not wanted for this murder but was a suspect. On November 7, 2000, he was released on bail with an electronic bracelet that was provided by the court that would track his whereabouts, and he was to remain at his residence. Within three hours of being released, Allain violated the terms of his pre-trial supervision and removed the electronic bracelet. He knew he would test "dirty" on an upcoming drug test and he did not want to be re-arrested. Allain had told a female acquaintance of his, Cynthia Marrone, that if the police ever attempted to arrest him again, that he would "kill him."

On November 19, 2000, at approximately 1930 hours, Allain came to Marrone's apartment and changed his clothing. After staying only a brief time, he left for the entire night. On November 20, 2000, at 0630 hours, Allain returned to Marrone's apartment for the purpose of changing his clothing again. Marrone later told detectives that at that time Allain had in his possession a metal box approximately 12" by 15", but she was not aware of the contents. Marrone also advised detectives that she tried to convince Allain to turn himself in to the police.

On November 20, 2000, at approximately 1030 hours, United States Deputy Marshal Larry Gloth and United States Deputy Marshal Christopher Daniels responded to 13603 Marina Pointe Drive in Pacific Area to arrest Allain for a felony federal warrant that had been issued for his arrest. The location is a five-story apartment complex containing 583 units. Gloth and Daniels had knowledge that Allain resided at the complex, in unit #C-305 and responded to that unit. Upon arriving at that unit, they discovered that Allain no longer resided at the location and a neighbor, Alan Greenberg, informed them that Allain had a girlfriend, "Cynthia," who resided upstairs in the complex, in unit #C-507.

Gloth and Daniels responded to unit #C-507. They were unaware that the unit was equipped with a closed circuit video surveillance camera system that allowed the person inside to view anyone at the residence door and in the adjacent apartment hallway. Gloth and Daniels were

outside the front of unit #C-507 formulating a tactical plan, when a female, later identified as Cynthia Marrone, stepped out of the apartment. Gloth and Daniels identified themselves as United States Deputy Marshals and asked Marrone if she knew Joseph Allain. She acknowledged that she knew Allain and the Marshals asked her if he was inside of the apartment. Marrone replied that he was and they requested that she open the door, but Marrone refused. Marrone was advised by the marshals that Allain was a federal fugitive and that she could be arrested for harboring a federal fugitive if she failed to cooperate. Marrone provided Gloth and Daniels with the key to the apartment.

Gloth and Daniels drew their service weapons and Gloth took a tactical position to the left of the door while Daniels took a position to the right of the door. Daniels placed the key provided by Marrone inside the lock and began to manipulate it. Suddenly, and without warning, numerous gunshots erupted from inside the apartment, piercing the doorway and surrounding walls. Gloth was immediately wounded and fell to the ground. Daniels responded to his partner's aid while returning fire. He was able to drag his wounded partner from in front of the suspect's door and requested "help." Gloth had sustained a gunshot wound to his upper right arm and was bleeding heavily from the wound. The wound was later determined to be life-threatening.

Gloth and Daniels were now positioned in the apartment hallway to the east of the suspect's doorway. They slowly worked themselves down the hallway approximately 100 feet. Gloth was bleeding profusely and unable to move on his own. Daniels drug his partner down the hallway while maintaining a watchful eye on the suspect's location. The marshals stopped several times to allow Gloth to regain his strength, while Daniels watched the suspect's location to ensure he did not exit the apartment and again engage them in another gun battle. Further down the hallway in unit #C-516, Jeannie Gallogly opened the door of her residence and afforded the marshals some cover. A 911 telephone call requesting "help" was made to the Los Angeles Police Department.

At 1111 hours, a radio call of "Officer down, 13603 Marina Pointe, citizen reporting," was broadcast. Immediately thereafter, another broadcast was made via the police radio of "Officer needs help, 13603 Marina Pointe Drive." P.O. II Steve Fahrney, #32359, P.O. II Luis Topete, #34373, and P.O. II Douglas Odom, #34425, Unit 14Z1, were Code-6 at the location within seconds of the broadcast. P.O. III-I Gerry Smedley, #24160, and P.O. II Mary Fencl, #34331, Unit 14A13, immediately broadcast that they would be Code-6 at the location in 30 seconds. 14Z1 was the first unit to arrive at the location, with 14A13 right behind them. As the officers alighted from their police vehicles, there was immediate gunfire, and Smedley yelled for the officers to take cover. Within seconds, an additional radio call "Ambulance shooting, 13603 Marina Pointe Drive" was broadcast. Additionally, another radio call was broadcast, "Possible officer down, 13603 Marina Pointe Drive." Communications Division advised responding units that the suspect was located at an unknown apartment on the fourth floor at the location. P.O. II Misty Goodnight, #34398, Unit 14U1, arrived shortly after 14A13. As Goodnight drove into the location, Fencl and

Smedley immediately advised her of the gunfire and directed her to a location where she could more safely deploy.

As this information was being broadcast, Fahrney, Topete, and Odom heard additional gunfire and broadcast this information to Communications Division. An additional "Officer needs help" call was broadcast at the location. P.O. II Grant Hiramoto, #33031, and P.O. II Joshua Sewell, #32313, Unit 14X52, arrived at the location at this time. Communications Division advised responding units, "Additional P/R advises in apartment #C-507, meet the security guard in the lobby, advises two marshals are at the location." Fahrney responded to the trunk of his police vehicle and armed himself with his slug shotgun. Seconds after retrieving the weapon, they observed the suspect on the balcony firing at them. One of the rounds fired by the suspect struck the trunk of Fahrney's police vehicle. The officers heard a female screaming leading them to believe there was a hostage inside the location. Fahrney, Topete, and Odom ran westbound to the lobby to rapidly deploy on the location in an attempt to locate the gunman and any victims. Fencl, via her ASTRO, directed Communications Division to advise all responding units of the locations where the shots were coming from. As the Police Service Representative (PSR) was broadcasting this information, additional gunfire rang out and Smedley was wounded in the leg. Fencl broadcast an "Officer needs help" radio call and advised units that her partner had been shot and he was down near a white van to the south of the apartment complex. Fencl immediately went to the aid of Smedley, attempted to locate the wound, and talked to Smedley so he would not go into shock.

Fahrney, Topete and Odom, followed the sound of gunfire when they were in the building and were able to locate the floor where the shots were coming from. When they began to deploy in the area, they discovered a security guard, who had accompanied Marshals Gloth and Daniels, in a small alcove across the hall from the suspect. The security guard had been pinned down by the gunfire that had been coming through the door and adjacent walls of the suspect's apartment. Fahrney, Topete, and Odom, formulated a tactical plan and escorted the security guard to a position of cover. The guard ensured them that the suspect had not exited his residence through the front door. Fahrney, Topete and Odom advised the security guard to return to the lobby and guide additional officers to the location.

Fahrney, Topete, and Odom formulated a tactical plan to ensure that the armed and dangerous suspect did not leave the apartment, as his presence in the building and in the community would have presented a grave danger to all of those he encountered. Fahrney, Topete and Odom could hear the sounds of gunfire as they deployed on the door. They remained at this location for several hours until they were relieved by members of the Los Angeles Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics team (SWAT).

Fahrney, Topete and Odom are to be commended for their rapid response to the location of an armed gunman who had already shot at two law enforcement officers, wounding one of them. They are commended for placing themselves in harm's way to ensure the safety of an unarmed security guard. Their tactics and rapid containment of the apartment surely

prevented the suspect's escape and very probably a continuation of his violence.

Communications Division further advised units at the location that the "Officer down" was a United States Deputy Marshal. The Air Unit, observing Smedley wounded in the street, advised that the officer down appeared to be a uniformed Los Angeles Police Department officer in front of the location. Communications Division further advised the units at the scene that the suspect was possibly in apartment #C-507, and to stay away from the location.

Fencl, Sewell, and Goodnight took a position of cover near Smedley, guarding him. They trained their weapons on the balcony where the shots had come from, and ensured that Smedley was not in a position where he would be subject to gunfire.

Smedley, although wounded, immediately grasped his radio and on simplex, disregarded another possible attack by the suspect and warned responding officers to stay away from the "field of fire" the suspect had established. In spite of his wound, Smedley was gravely concerned about the safety of his fellow officers.

Lt. Richard Mossler, #20359, Pacific Area Day Watch Commander, along with Sgt. Richard Boyle, #26630, responded to the location from Pacific Community Police Station. They arrived at the location shortly after the call for help. The scene was chaotic and it could be seen from a position at the corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Marina Pointe Drive that Smedley had been shot and was in a position of concealment behind a white van in the driveway directly in front of the suspect's apartment and adjacent balcony. Lt. Mossler assumed the responsibility of the Incident Commander and with the assistance of Sgt. Boyle, developed a tactical operation to rescue Smedley.

Lt. Mossler also directed the closure of numerous streets in the area so citizens would not be placed in harm's way and an efficient tactical operation could occur without traffic concerns. Additionally, Lt. Mossler ordered the evacuation of a Ralph's market, which was located directly south of the suspect's location. The suspect had a clear and unobstructed view of the Ralph's market storefront and parking lot. Had the suspect been so inclined, he could have begun firing upon the market, its patrons and those in the parking lot, both in their cars and on foot. The order to evacuate the store was carried out by Sgt. I Jose Correa, #25871, Pacific Area. This was done by entering the rear of the location and having all patrons and employees exit the front of the store to the rear storage area, a safe location.

The rescue of Smedley was conducted in the following manner. Sgt. Boyle, along with P.O. II Donald Ornelas, #26589, and P.O. II Patrick Foreman, #32267, acted as a rescue team and deployed an un-caged police vehicle with ballistic door panels so they could more easily move the fallen officer into the car. P.O. II Michael Johnson, #34786, P.O. II Michael O'Bierne, #35071, P.O. II Richard Gurrola, #33781, and P.O. II Brian Harden, #34975, responded with the rescue team and acted as "cover" officers for those actually involved in the recovery of Smedley. Sgt. Boyle drove the rescue vehicle so that he could constantly access the tactical situation and make

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decisions necessary to the efficient operation of the situation. Both rescue vehicles drove into the "kill zone" to where Smedley was "down." Ornelas and Foreman alighted from the rescue vehicle to Smedley's location. The "cover" vehicle stopped nearby and Johnson, O'Bierne, Gurrola, and Harden alighted from the car and took tactical positions where they could view the balcony from where the shots fired occurred and adjacent properties. Foreman and Ornelas carried Smedley from the pavement and placed him in the rear seat of the rescue vehicle. The "cover" officers, with the exception of Gurrola, re-entered their vehicle, and both vehicles returned to a location of safety. Gurrola unselfishly remained with Fencil and Goodnight behind the parked van so he could assist them should the suspect emerge from the location. As there was not a rescue ambulance at the scene, Sgt. Boyle transported Smedley Code-3 to nearby Daniel Freeman Marina Mercy Hospital. Smedley had sustained a through-and-through gunshot wound to the right lower leg.

The "Officer Rescue" was completed with no further aggression by the suspect. Due to the confusion in regard to the myriad of calls and radio transmissions at the location, it was believed that he was the only downed officer and he had been transported for medical treatment.

Sgt. Boyle and P.O.s Ornelas, Foreman, Johnson, O'Bierne, Gurrola, and Harden are to be commended for their heroic actions on this day. These officers disregarded their own personal safety and knowingly and voluntarily placed themselves in harm's way knowing a wounded fellow law enforcement officer was shot and was down in the street, and that an armed and dangerous suspect had cover, concealment and a high-ground position over them. These officers drove into an area where the wounded officers lay, subjecting themselves to great peril, as there were no other alternatives available to rapidly get to and rescue the wounded officer. In spite of the immediate danger, they persevered to their task to rescue the wounded officer.

As Lt. Mossler stood in the street on Lincoln Blvd. assessing the current tactical situation, a male, later identified as United States Deputy Marshal Daniels,

yelled from a fifth floor window that he was a United States Marshal and that his partner had been severely wounded and that if he did not "get him out of here, he was going to die." Daniels advised that they were in unit #C-516.

Steps had already been taken to attempt to enter the complex via other entrances aside from the front lobby area. The lobby area was open, but it required officers to pass through the "kill zone" in order to arrive at the lobby and enter the building where the deranged gunman was located. Attempts to locate other entrances, which were unsecured, were fruitless. The immediacy and gravity of the situation was realized from the message relayed to Lt. Mossler by the fallen marshal's partner. By this time, numerous officers had arrived at the location, in addition to Los Angeles City Fire Department Paramedics. Los Angeles City Fire Department Paramedics Strange, #NS2744, and Coyle, #DC7171, had traveled to the location some six miles from Station No. 69 in the Pacific Palisades area. Lt. Mossler, along with Sgt. II Roger Murphy, #30117, Pacific Area Vice Unit, formulated a plan of action and selected personnel to affect an "officer rescue" of the wounded deputy marshal.

Unfortunately, due to the circumstances of the incident, there would be no other alternative at this time other than to drive through the sniper's "kill zone" to arrive in a position where an effective rescue could be attempted. P.O. III Pedro Llanes, #26396, P.O. II Jerry Kowalsky, #31229, Officer Hiramoto, Officer Foreman, Officer Ornelas, and P.O. II Drake Madison, #33997, were selected. The officers were advised of the situation and its impending danger. Officers were asked if they still wished to participate in the tactical operation, all said that they understood the situation and would participate. Lt. Mossler also discussed the situation with Paramedics Strange and Coyle. The severity of the wounds and the need for immediate medical attention was discussed, and the paramedics volunteered to go with the "rescue team." By accompanying the "rescue team," Strange and Coyle could provide immediate attention to the fallen marshal as soon as they contacted him. As these discussions were occurring, gunfire could be heard emanating from the suspect's location.

Officers were given specific assignments in the rescue operation, and seat-

ing in the police vehicles were assigned. The paramedics were assigned to sit in the rear seats of the police vehicles, furthest away from the suspect's position of advantage. The paramedics donned body armor, as did all of the assigned officers.

Two marked police vehicles with ballistic door panels were utilized to transport the aforementioned officers and paramedics. A tactical plan was developed where Sgt. Murphy and Kowalsky, armed with slug shotguns, took a position on the passenger side of the police vehicle so they could address any threat from the suspect, should it occur. This was the nearest position to the suspect's balcony from where he had previously fired at the police officers. In spite of the imminent danger from an armed and dangerous suspect, who had already shot two law enforcement officers, these police officers disregarded their own personal safety in order to assist a fellow officers who had been wounded. The two rescue vehicles drove rapidly westbound on Marina Pointe Drive from Lincoln Blvd. through the deranged suspect's field of fire, to the subterranean area of the lobby. They drove through the field of fire for a distance of approximately 75 yards, before arriving at a position of cover. The rescue team and its planning had successfully intimidated the suspect and they were not confronted with any additional gunfire from the suspect.

The rescue team met with a security guard of the apartment complex who assisted them in gaining access to the stairwell leading to the location of the marshals. The guard also provided them with further intelligence information. The rescue team began an arduous ascent to the fifth floor, where the suspect, the marshals, and other officers were located. At the direction of Sgt. Murphy, the officers moved through the hallways in a "diamond" formation to tactically cover all potential threats. The unarmed paramedics were placed in the middle of the "diamond" and were protected by the armed police officers. The security guard directed them to an elevator that took them to a rear hallway on the floor where the incident occurred. The rescue team moved through the hallways fully expecting to encounter a suspect at every perilous turn. The team proceeded relentlessly toward the sound of the marshal's pleas for help that were echoing through the hallways. They located the wounded marshal in unit #C-517. Sgt. Murphy also made contact with Fahrney, Topete and Odom who continued to maintain their position on the suspect's apartment.

Deputy Marshal Daniels advised Sgt.

Murphy that they had been fired upon through the door of apartment #C-507, and that they had returned fire fearing that they would be killed. The officers observed Deputy Marshal Gloth who was bleeding profusely from his upper right arm. Shortly after arrival of the rescue team, Gloth lost consciousness due to the gravity of his wound. He had lost in excess of one liter of blood and was in danger of not surviving his wound. (It was later determined by medical personnel that Gloth sustained a gunshot wound that severed his brachial artery. It was the opinion of Dr. William Quiones-Baldrich, the attending vascular surgeon at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Medical Center, that had medical attention been delayed much longer, Deputy Gloth may have succumbed to the wound. See Addenda for letter from doctor).

Deputies Gloth and Daniels had taken cover within apartment #C-517. Daniels and the resident of #C-517, Jeannie Gallogly, had been profusely attempting to stem the bleeding from the wound sustained by Gloth. The gunshot had severed an artery and the wound was life threatening. Paramedics Strange and Coyle immediately went to the aid of Gloth and after some 45 minutes, stabilized his wound so that he could be moved. The tactical team had deployed in the hallway, concentrating on the door to unit #C-507. Sgt. Murphy could observe projectile impact marks on the door and the adjacent wall to unit #C-507. The evacuation of the residents in unit #C-515 was completed by the tactical team.

Sgt. Murphy developed a tactical plan of action and directed Kowalsky to deploy his slug shotgun and cover the suspect's door from his position of cover behind the door alcove of unit #C-516. Other officers were directed to back up Kowalsky's position in the event that the suspect exited the unit. Fahrney, Odom, and Topete remained in the north/south hallway that was to the west of the suspect's location. This would eliminate any potential escape of the armed suspect if he elected to exit the apartment. The suspect had already showed his willingness to harm those in his path, and immediate steps were taken to prevent any further assaults upon anyone present at the location. Both tactical teams were directed to remain in their positions, so as to prevent a potential crossfire situation should the suspect emerge and an officer involved shooting occur. The team in the west hallway was designated as the arrest team should the suspect come out of the

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apartment and surrender.

While this tactical situation was occurring, Lt. Mossler was formulating a plan to evacuate the wounded marshal from the location to the nearest hospital with a trauma center. The nearest trauma center hospital was UCLA Medical Center, some six miles away. Traffic was grid-locked, as main arteries in the city were halted due to potential dangers to citizens. Upon inquiry by Lt. Mossler, Air 11 advised they could not land on the roof of the apartment complex due to air conditioning equipment scattered on the rooftop. A Los Angeles City Fire Rescue Helicopter had been requested and had quoted a long delay in arriving at the location. Lt. Mossler, assessing the gravity of the situation, requested that Air 11 land in the street and evacuate the fallen marshal to UCLA Medical Center. The pilot of Air 11, P.O. II+6 **Steve Gnerlich**, agreed and Lincoln Blvd. was made safe for Air 11's landing and evacuation of the wounded marshal.

Gnerlich and his Tactical Flight Officer, P.O. II+2 **Manual Dickerson**, expertly guided the Air Unit onto the street in between many potential hazardous situations, including buildings and power lines. As soon as the helicopter landed, Dickerson immediately readied the Air Unit for the evacuation of the wounded marshal. While this was occurring, the paramedics were stabilizing Gloth and preparing him for evacuation. As Air 11 was preparing to receive the wounded officer, it was learned that the Los Angeles City Fire Department Rescue Helicopter was in the area. The Fire Department's Rescue Helicopter is better equipped to evacuate medical patients and provide medical attention while on-board. Therefore, it was determined that the Fire Department's Rescue Helicopter would complete the mission. Air 11 lifted off from the street and the Fire Department Rescue Helicopter immediately landed on Lincoln Blvd.

While still maintaining a vigil on the door of the suspect, officers and paramedics, along with Deputy Marshal Daniels, carried the wounded deputy to a service elevator and down a hallway alighting from the building via a ground level emergency door adjacent to Lincoln Blvd. The wounded marshal was immediately placed on the awaiting helicopter and transported to UCLA Medical Center.

The officers who had escorted Deputy Gloth down the elevator to the awaiting helicopter returned to the fifth floor to assist their fellow officers in securing the location of the suspects. The officers at this location remained at their posts for nearly three hours. They were subsequently relieved by SWAT officers. However, they remained in the building at the direction of the SWAT team. They assisted in evacuating several floors of occupants, so an effective SWAT tactical operation could be carried out.

At approximately 2155 hours, after hours of negotiation with the suspect, and some eleven hours after the first shot had been fired, entry was made into the suspect's apartment. This was done with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department Explosives Unit, who breached the door with an explosive charge so that a more tactically efficient entry could be conducted. A search of the apartment revealed the suspect, Joseph Allain, had taken his own life with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. A subsequent search of the residence revealed that Allain had been armed with three semi-automatic handguns, a .45mm handgun and two 9-mm handguns.

Sgt. Murphy and Officers Llanes, Kowalsky, Hiramoto, Foreman, Ornelas, and Madison are to be commended for their heroic actions on this day. These officers disregarded their own personal safety and knowingly and voluntarily placed themselves in harm's way knowing a wounded fellow law enforcement officer was in danger of dying due to the nature of a gunshot wound he had sustained. These officers drove through an area where another officer had been shot, as there were no other alternatives available to rapidly rescue the wounded officer. In spite of observing the aftermath of a bloody shootout involving another officer, they persevered to their task to rescue and evacuate the wounded officer from danger. They also provided immediate security and evacuated citizen residents who were in immediate danger from the armed suspect.

Officer Smedley is to be commended for his rapid response to assist another officer, and his bravery and concern for his fellow officers when, after sustaining a gunshot wound, warned other officers of the immediate danger from the sniper gunman who had just assaulted him. His warnings prevented officers from entering the most likely path of travel into the area, and certain further assaults upon police personnel at the scene.

Officers Fencil, Sewell, and Goodnight are to be commended for their attention to duty and bravery in covering a fellow officer who had just been shot. These officers placed themselves in harm's way to cover the wounded officer as he tried to maintain cover and concealment behind a van parked at the scene.

Lt. Mossler is to be commended for his immediate response to the scene, leadership, tactical expertise in deploying two officer rescue teams to rescue two officers who had sustained gunshot wounds, and his overall command of a police operation.

It should be noted that P.O. II **Patrick Foreman**, #32267, and P.O. II **Donald Ornelas**, #26589, took part in both of the officer rescue incidences.

In conclusion, for their actions as described above, the aforementioned officers are worthy of our department's consideration for an award commensurate with their brave deeds. ❖

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Piazza's Peddlers Second Multiple Sclerosis Benefit Bike Ride

by Sgt. Hector Feliciano, Rampart Area

On Oct. 5th and 6th, Piazza's Peddlers participated in their second Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Benefit Bike Ride, known as the "Bay to Bay MS Bike Tour." This bike ride celebrated the 20th anniversary for the MS bike tour, which commenced at Huntington State Beach and ended in Mission Bay, San Diego. As you may recall, on May 4 and 5, 2002, Piazza's Peddlers participated in their first MS event, "The Palm Springs MS 150 Challenge Bike Ride," in support of Sgt. Rosemary Piazza, who might have fallen victim to MS.

The team comprised 16 riders including officers from Rampart, South Traffic and two Rampart family members. In order to participate in the event, each rider was required to raise a minimum of \$250 in sponsorships. Piazza's Peddlers raised more than \$6,500 in sponsorships that was donated to the MS Society. This event received more than \$1 million in total sponsorship, the largest ever received in the history of the ride.

This event was organized and coordinated by Officer Craig Heredia who had participated in May's event. The riders consisted of Rosemary Piazza, Jose Perez, Paul Torrence, Craig Heredia, Michael and Dana Chang, Herman Van Twist, Ramon Barajas, Eric Coffey, Dan Logan, Tony Fitzsimmons, Amy Bonner, Eddie Acosta, Ed Heredia, Paul Perkins and Hector Feliciano, who spent day one riding through the beautiful coastal cities of Orange County. The 62-mile bike ride ended in the city of Carlsbad where they were met by their support team of Officer Woody Rogers, Alicia Torrence and daughter Jennifer, Dana Chang, Debbie Perez, Nikole Heredia, Lavonda Heredia and Daisy Barajas. The riders were then shut-



Piazza's Peddlers before the start of the 20th anniversary multiple sclerosis "Bay to Bay Bike Tour."

tled to their campsite, where Detective Joseph Harris and wife, Sgt. Jean Harris, had prepared a steak dinner with the trimmings. Once everyone had their fill, they sat around the campfire talking about the day's events and listening to Paul Torrence and Joe Harris going crazy over the Angels/Mets game (sorry, Joe, YOU LOST!).

The second day consisted of breakfast in Carlsbad at the Inns of America Hotel provided by the MS Society. Then it was off for the remainder 42.2 miles, which took the riders up the 3.8-mile stretch known as "Torrey Pines Hill." Now if you've run or biked the hill from Riverside Drive to the Academy, just add two more miles of uphill (just to give you an idea of how long it was). Once the hill was conquered, the riders continued through the remainder of the coastal cities until they arrived at Mission Bay, where all riders finished together just as they started. The only incident that occurred was when Hector attempted to negotiate a left-hand turn and rear-ended a Mercedes. The owner of the Mercedes just waved him on and stated, "Thank you."

Piazza's Peddlers will be doing their "hat trick" (third ride) in May, when they take on the Palm Springs MS 150 Challenge Bike Tour again. Anyone interested in joining the fun and supporting a worthy cause is more than welcome. Don't worry if you haven't ridden in a while, although you will be sore, the cause and camaraderie are well worth it. Trust me. For more information, you can contact Sgt. Rosemary Piazza at Rampart Area, (213) 847-1903.

Thanks to all that sponsored the riders and donated cash for the food.



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Officer Dona Adolphi, Newton Division, Rebounds From Gunshot Wound

by Sergeant Michael Apodaca,
Department Wellness Coordinator

Officer Dona Adolphi and his wife, Leizl, recently met with Chief Pomeroy to thank him and the Department for their support during his recovery from a devastating gunshot wound.

In July 2002, 77th Street officers attempted to take a suspect into custody when he violently resisted arrest. As the officers attempted to take him into cus-

today the suspect struggled and attempted to disarm one of the officers. Fearing the suspect would gain complete control of the weapon, his partner fired several shots, wounding the suspect. Still not willing to surrender the suspect continued to resist and ultimately was able to commandeer a vehicle and make good his escape.

Responding to the crime broadcast, Officer Adolphi and his partner, Officer Charlie Wunder, observed the vehicle

and gave chase. The suspect was ultimately stopped and officers attempted to persuade him to surrender. When the suspect would not surrender, less than lethal forces were deployed. Following the use of these less lethal weapons, the officers attempted to take the suspect into custody as a team. As they moved in, the suspect again attempted to disarm an officer. As a result of the life-threatening struggle the suspect was shot and killed. Unfortunately during the melee Officer Adolphi also sustained a serious gunshot wound to his arm.

Officer Adolphi was transported to Saint Francis Hospital with severe trauma to his right arm. The .45 caliber bul-

let caused extensive damage and it was necessary for doctors to perform several hours of surgery to repair the badly destroyed bone. Thanks to the professional critical care and follow-up care given by the Emergency Room Services and others, Officer Adolphi expects to return to full duty.

Officer Adolphi told Chief Pomeroy that he and his wife wanted to personally thank him for all the support that he and the Department have given them following his injury and during his recovery. Adolphi said that he is hopeful to return to duty soon and looks forward to being back on the streets. ♦



Eagle and Badge Foundation News

The first ever "Protect and Serve" Award was presented by the Eagle and Badge Foundation to newly-appointed Port Authority Police Reserve Officer

Shaquille O'Neal. Reserve Officer O'Neal received his honor on board a Port Authority patrol vessel in San Pedro harbor at the start of his shift.



Presenters (from left) are L.A. City Councilman Dennis P. Zine, League Director Peter Repovich, Officer Shaquille O'Neal, Port Authority Police Chief Noel Cunningham, Eagle & Badge Foundation President Arthur Kassel, Businessman and Supporter Lou Perez and League Director Ted Hunt. ♦

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the Parker FOUNDATION

"Parker Foundation Update"

by Sergeant Steven H. Williams

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation is a non-profit 501(C)3 Charity with the focus towards obtaining equipment and training courses for the dedicated men and women of the LAPD.

The Board of Directors are comprised of LAPD training professionals and men and women from the Los Angeles business community. They provide grants to police officers on a daily basis and the Foundation is considered one of the most visible and active Foundations within the LAPD. On October 8, 2002, the Board of Directors met at the Universal City Hilton in Los Angeles to discuss future board direction and meet with members of the LAPD S.W.A.T. Team Sniper Unit.

Officers John Dohle and Lou Reyes gave a compelling presentation to the Board on the Unit's mission and an overview of its equipment.

The Parker Foundation was able to provide a grant to the Sniper Unit to purchase night scopes for the Unit's sniper rifles. The Unit was unable to obtain the needed scopes from the City budget process. The Foundation's Board leaders stepped forward and provided the necessary funds to keep this vital Unit operating. This is just one example of the great things the Foundation is doing on a daily basis for the LAPD.

The Foundation also funds the LAPD Art Unit located at the Los Angeles Police Academy. Every piece of equipment, from the MacIntosh computer to an updated sign plotter was paid for by the Parker Foundation. The Unit is spearheaded by Mr. Paul Sierra, a Graphic Designer for the LAPD. Mr. Sierra has taken his Art Unit to new heights by learning the complex world of computer graphics. He is a talented artist in his own right, but has moved a step forward to create a state of the art graphics unit. Mr. Sierra is a graduate of Cal State University and holds a Bachelor



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Board President William F. Hertz and Officer John Dohle looking at equipment used by the LAPD Sniper Unit.

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Paul Sierra, LAPD Graphic Artist, at work at his Elysian Park Studio.

of Arts Degree in Art Design. He designs some of the most spectacular Department graphics and signage, posters and T-shirts for a myriad of Department events and awards.

Mr. Sierra was recently commissioned by the Chief of Police staff to draw Chief Pomeroy's likeness to be displayed in the Chief of Police Conference Room in Parker Center. Mr. Sierra dedicated himself and worked tirelessly to produce an incredible likeness. The finished drawing will be displayed at Parker Center along with the likenesses of preceeding Chiefs. The Foundation would like to commend Mr. Sierra for his outstanding work and wish outgoing Chief Martin H. Pomeroy the best.

Chief Pomeroy's portrait drawn by LAPD Artist Paul Sierra.

The Foundation is glad to be able to provide Mr. Sierra with the latest graphics equipment support. Mr. Sierra is not only a talented artist, but one of the top Los Angeles session drummers. Mr. Sierra appreciates the Foundation's interest and the many grants the Foundation provides his Art Unit.

Please remember the Foundation when you have a donation to give to a great cause and be sure to look at our website at www.lapdfoundation.com for information about the Parker Foundation.

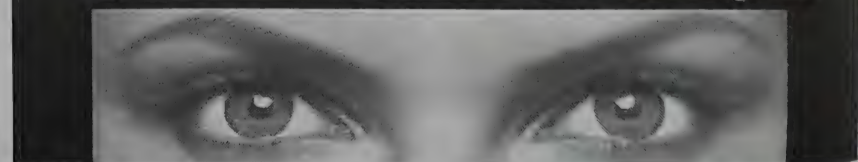
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A New Tradition is born in Hollywood

By Sergeant Fred Tredy
Hollywood Division

On September 11, 2002 the Italian Feast of San Genarro was celebrated in Los Angeles. If you were brought up on the East Coast or in an Italian neighborhood you probably had some great memories of celebrating this Saint's Day. San Genarro was a Catholic Priest from Naples who was martyred over 1600 years ago. His memory is celebrated each year around the 21st to the 23rd of September. This Feast is a gathering to enjoy this day with celebration of music, dancing, good food and friends. On this day the first formal Feast of San Genarro/Los Angeles was held in Hollywood on Vine and Yucca Streets. It was incredible to see so many people coming out to enjoy this weekend of fun and celebration.

In April of 2002 at a regular meeting of the Italian American Police Officer Association, the members present voted to have the association's primary charity become the Los Angeles Police Children's Support Group. At this meeting a member, Mr. Doug DeLuca, Producer for the TV series "The Man Show", attended and spoke about putting on the Feast of San Genarro/Los Angeles to raise money for the Children's Support group. Through the combined efforts of Doug DeLuca, Hollywood contacts and the untiring efforts of the members of the Italian Police Officers Association, the feast was conceived and delivered in only a six month time period. The news reported that over 10,000 to 12,000 people

attended this joyous event. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the members of the Italian Association, without whose help this event probably would not have happened.

Ray Lombardo, Lt. (Hollywood)
Joe Oliveri, Ret. Sgt (N/E)
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Tom Vettraino, Det. (PAC)
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It is not often that as a Los Angeles Police Officer you have a chance to be a part of beginning a tradition in the City of Los Angeles, at least not one that hasn't come out of a court decision. This feast will be held every year and the monies will go to many charities including the LAP Children's Support. We would hope you all would be able to join us next year to celebrate this event. If you would like more information about the feast, would like to become a member of the Italian American Police Officers Association or would like to attend our monthly meetings please contact Joe Oliveri, PO Box 570085, Tarzana, CA 91357, or any of the other members of the association. This is strictly a social organization. The only criteria to join the association is you must love Italian food, wine, good friends and family. ♦

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of the evening, the event also provided the opportunity for celebrities and leaders in Los Angeles to get to know the LAPD and the hardworking police officers. The Department provided numerous vehicles, pieces of equipment, officers and K-9 partners for the event, so that guests could interact with them and find out more about their jobs. I had several people remark to me on the courteousness of the officers and say that they left with a greater appreciation for the difficult jobs you endure every day. It was an honor to have all of you participate in our event.

I cannot discuss this event without also thanking the President of the Eagle and Badge Foundation Board of Direc-

tors, and the Event Chair/Executive Producer, Arthur Kassel. Without his hard work and dedication to the officers of this city, this event would not have been possible. Thank you, Arthur, for your unending support of LAPD officers, and for bringing out friends such as Sharon Stone, Sylvester Stallone, Dennis Franz and the many other celebrities, as well as Governor Gray Davis and his wife Sharon, Police Chief William Bratton and many more political leaders, to help us raise money in support of our officers. This was a truly classy and successful event - thank you!

We look forward to expanding the work and donations of the Eagle & Badge Foundation as a result of this event, and will continue to keep you updated as we distribute more grants to support our officers and the community. ♦

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Dues: \$25 a year.

Objectives: To develop a spirit of brotherhood and fellowship among its members. To encourage greater participation in the activities of organizations existing within the law enforcement community. To encourage members to fully familiarize themselves with the prescribed, authorized and accepted practices and procedures of law enforcement and forensic procedures so that they will be able to serve their constituents in a more courteous, intelligent, and efficient manner. To engender exemplary conduct on the part of its members, thereby creating respect and goodwill toward law enforcement personnel. To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and of the State of California at all times. To instill and preserve in its members the heritage of their Irish culture. To award scholarships annually to children of members of this society.

Meetings: General membership meetings are held monthly at the Los Angeles Police Academy Lounge, 1880 North

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Web Page: Visit our Web page at www.emeraldsociety.net.

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Society Officers: President, Scott Walton, LAPD; Vice President, Regina "Reggie" Canale-Miles, FBI; Secretary, Gary Macnamara, LAPD; Treasurer, T.J. O'Donnell, CHP; Sergeant-at-Arms, Michael Murphy.

Annual dues are \$25. If you would like to be a member, please contact: Los Angeles Police Emerald Society, 714 West Olympic Blvd., Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90015, Phone: (213) 7IRISH3; Web site: www.emeraldsociety.net. ♦

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"After his retirement from the Dodgers, Wayne worked for the family business. I kept telling him that LAPD was a much more exciting life and had great benefits, so he decided to join," Edwards said.

Edwards does not have a difficulty finding applicants. "If you're approachable, people approach you," he said. "One person asked about joining when we were on a call involving a domestic dispute. A friend from church referred his friend, and quite often people just walk up and ask. Even yesterday, I had two people come up to our police car and ask about how to join. I have given out 15 or 20 contact cards already."

Edwards, who was involved in four shootings, ambushed by a gang, and had undergone three surgeries, still thinks the LAPD is the greatest place to work. In fact, his partner who was wounded in one of the shootings, left the Department, but Edwards talked him into coming back.

"Most people have to go to work. I get to go to work. I have the kind of job where you're never doing the same thing twice. I believe that if you find something that you love to do you'll never have to work a day in your life," said Edwards, a Medal of Valor recipient.

Raised in an Irish family, Edwards revealed that he wanted to become a police officer since he was five years old. "My next door neighbor had an old LAPD hat, and I traded him comic books for the hat." After high school, Edwards went on to college to play bas-

ketball, then joined LAPD. "I took the oral exam five times I scored 96, 97, and 98, but still didn't make it. On the fifth time, I told the interviewer that if I didn't make it that day, she'll be seeing me again in three months. She told me that I made it," Edwards revealed.

When asked what he did with the \$500 incentive bonus, Edwards said he bought his brother the equipment he needed for work.

Norma Eisenman was another Officer who used the \$500 incentive to buy equipment for her recruit. Eisenman recruited her nephew Marcos Villanueva who graduated in April.

Family members make good potential recruits. Roger Dimaano of Fiscal Operations Division, recruited his brother-in-law's brother Don Michael Cruz. "We saw each other all the time at family parties. He was working as a supervisor at the post office, but was looking for a new job. So I told him about the LAPD," Dimaano said. Dimaano hasn't spend his incentive yet, but thinks buying Christmas presents may be a good idea.

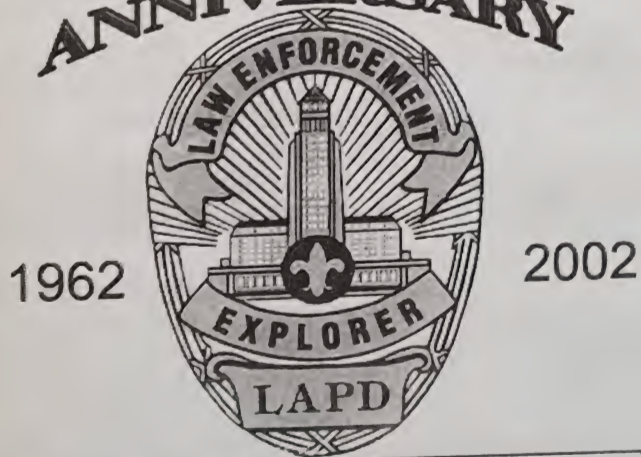
Officer Reggie Dickenson did not recruit a family member, rather a friend of his neighbor. "My neighbor told me that he knew of a young lady who wants to become a police officer, but she didn't know how." He arranged for a meeting and talked about the job.

"I recruited Yolanda Villa, who first applied in San Diego. I told her about the process and the benefits of working for the LAPD. She decided that it was the place for her and applied."

Dickenson gave his bonus to a family in need. "I have another applicant who is ready to go into the Academy," he said. When asked what he will do with the next incentive he receives, he said "I'll give that money away to someone in need as well."

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In partnership with the National Association of Police Organizations, the Heroes USA Project has launched a website, www.HeroesUSAPolice.us. The Heroes USA Project worked with the United States Postal Service in producing a commemorative September 11, 2001, stamp, which has been enlarged and excellently framed for sale on the site.

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Pacific Breeze

by Det. Lynn Hunter and
Ofcr. April Carter
Pacific Division

The ghouls were out in force last month at Pacific Station. Pacific CRO Officers **Michelle Eskridge** and **Rayney Arnold** held our 9th annual Halloween Haunt and it was a huge success. Pacific DAPS staffed the Haunted House along with a member of Sony



Studio's Props Department. With the help of Pacific's Boosters props were also donated by Sony Studios and candy was donated by area businesses. It's a real haunted house and I gotta tell ya - it gave me the creeps in the day time! The graveyard in the parking lot ought to be quite a fright sight at night, too. Over 1,000 local children showed up and a ghoulish time was had by all.

Good job Pacific Explorers! On 9-11-02 our Explorers were honored to be

invited by a local citizen to raise the American flag at a tribute to the September 11 heroes in New York. Pacific's Explorers also organized a blood drive in September because of the blood shortage caused by the terrorist attacks. The Explorers were successful in obtaining the Red Cross Bloodmobile and 42 donors volunteered. For their efforts the American Red Cross will train the Explorers in CPR and Basic First Aid. (You should have seen all those Explorers going around the station trying to get blood out of us!)

Pacific's Boosters held their Annual Charity Golf Classic on 9-23-02 at the Cascades Golf Course in Sylmar. They raised \$15,000 for Pacific Area youth programs, the DAPS, and the Explorers. Special thanks go to all of the Pacific personnel that participated.

We also had our annual Open House on 10-12-02. The event brought about 11,000 children and 400 adults to the station to see a different aspect of police work. We had display booths from outside service agencies, demonstrations by Department personnel, and station tours. CPAB's program included the gun "trigger lock" giveaway, FATS, and mock traffic stop scenarios for adults (who acted as officers). Children participated in a poster drawing contest, moon

bouncer, and children fingerprinting.

On 10-30-02, Sgt. **Stan Schott** stood proud in the Parker Center auditorium while accepting his 30-year-pin from Chief **Bratton**. The Chief had some pos-



confessions. Buh bye. This cleaned up at least a couple of recent DR numbers.

Officers **Robert Espinoza** and **Charles Rodriguez** pulled two young women out of the surf on 9-9-02 and had to perform CPR on them. Unfortunately, the women had expired. The deaths appear to be accidental.

Det. II **Larry Willis'** son Jason, #8 wide receiver on the Oregon Ducks football team, is well on his way to a sixth bowl game. This is his last year there and he is a rising star. He was profiled in the program for the Ducks' game against USC. You may have seen him on the huge mural on the north side of the Hotel Figueroa east of the 110 freeway downtown advertising for the University of Oregon. He's being looked at professionally by Miami Dolphins, Kansas City Chiefs, Oakland Raiders, and the Baltimore Ravens. You've never seen a dad as proud as Larry Willis!

The ins and outs of it all - we're sorry to say goodbye to Lt. **Brascia**.

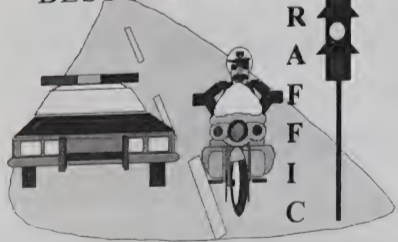


itive things to say about the Department and the value of the experience of the older officers in his command.

It seems few robbery suspects are caught in Pacific. However, put Officers **Leo Lussier**, **Bobby Romero**, **Craig Higa**, and **David Dalzell** on the trail and they'll catch three of them. All three suspects were positively identified by witnesses, and subsequently gave written

Sgts. **DuBois** and **Castillo**. Sgts. **Young**, **Nakamura**, and Officer **Mike Falvo** all made Detective and are leaving us. Officers **Carranza**, **Campos**, and **Roberts** have moved on, as has Reserve Officer **McLaughlin**. Officer **Sewell** is going to Motors! Joining us are Lt. **Johnson** from Central and Detective II **Ivett Garay**, a promotion from Detective I. Congratulations!

BEST of the WEST



by Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

Promotions

Congratulations to Officer **Michele Nelson** on her recent promotion to P-3 in our auditor section. Good luck to all those CI officers that took the recent Motor Orals.

WTD Family News

Officer **Kevin Payne** and his wife, Laronda, are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, Isaiah, 3 lbs, 17 inches. Kevin said he's doing well.

Our warmest thoughts go out to Officer **Hassanzai** and his family; his eldest boy Ethan had under gone brain surgery on October 31st. Mo also has his hands



full with his recent twins (see photo).

Commendable Capers

Det. **Pearson** would like to commend Officers **Robert Kim**, and **Osvaldo Castillo**, for an outstanding report/investigation, which led to the apprehension of a hit and run felony suspect from a fatal T/C at 7th Ave/Wash-

ington Blvd. on 10/13/02.

Officers arrived at the location and P-1 was GOA. They conducted a thorough investigation, which led them to the R/O



of V-1 and ultimately the driver of V-1.

This incident was a typical "Kim Caper" with three pages of witnesses,

numerous AOIs and no easy way about it. Good job, guys.

Special Thanks

Lt. **Moran** would like to thank all motor officers for handling numerous special details including the Hollywood Halloween event.

Cornine's Kitty Corner

If anyone is interested in adopting a cat or kitten, PSR **Stephanie Cornine** and **Scott** from the motor garage have established a cat rescue operation and always have cats to give away to a good home. For more info, call WTD desk at (213) 473-0222.

Upcoming Events

WTD's Christmas party is coming up on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Radisson LAX. Tickets are on sale in the W/C's office for \$30 per person. Purchases prior to 11/26 will be entered into a drawing for a free room for the night at the hotel, and please purchase tickets prior to 12/02.

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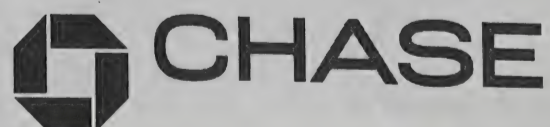
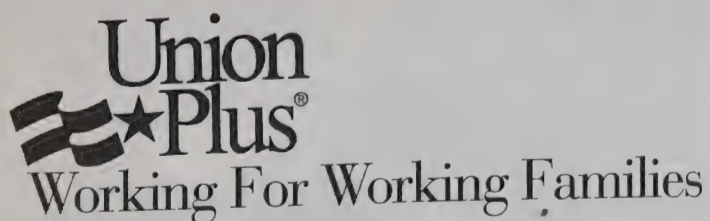
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post
& Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealy
Communications Division

Communications Division

Communications Division is gearing up to move to the Metropolitan Dispatch Center by the end of the year. The new center will have a dispatch floor as big as a basketball court. Quite a change from the bomb bunker we now have.

Most officers do not realize that there are 35 sworn officers assigned to Communications. In addition to the watch commanders and assistant WCs, there are three sergeants and 21 officers assigned to the Department Command Post, and two officers who train recruits and in-service in use of the MDT. The new center will also house the office of the Department Commander and his staff and a small office for BSS.

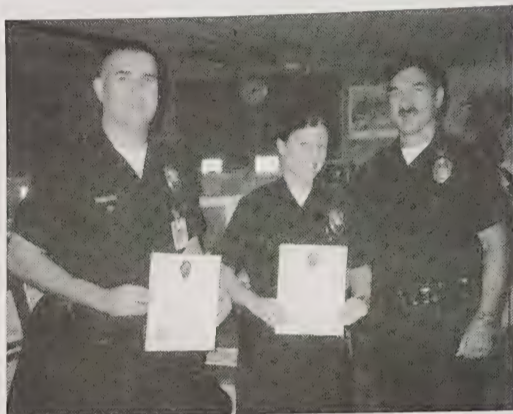
P-2 Work 9-1-1 Telephones

In August, 2000, a program was implemented at the division to assign some of the newly wheeled police officers to work the 9-1-1 telephones. The

three-month assignment includes a week of training and an assignment with an instructor. Although most officers arrive with apprehension, most leave with a new appreciation of the role of the division and are amazed at the call load. So far over 120 officers have completed their short tour at Communications.

In and Out

Recently Capt. **Perez** (from DARE) took over the helm of the largest of the police divisions (over 550 employees). Other additions have included Lt. **Eric Coulter** from Risk Management who steps in for Lt. **Ted Steiner** who retired after 30 years of service. Communications says farewell to P2 **Tracy**



Officers Hector Aceves and Tracy Hauter receive their appointment certificates from Captain Perez.

Hauter and Hector Aceves who are off to Harbor. We welcome Officer **J. Gonzalez** (CENT) and **M. Brose** and **B. Dameworth** (HWD).

Remember to drop by and meet the voice on the other end of the radio. ❖



by Tom Fox
Central Traffic Division

Ins & Outs of CTD

CTD welcomes **R. Agnew**, #30536, who comes to CTD/CIFU from MSD and **J. Sewell**, #32313, who comes to CTD Motors from Pacific Division.

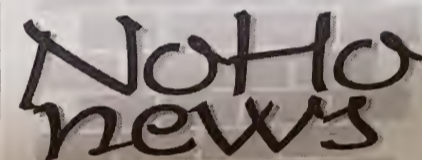
Congratulations to **Kevin Cotter**, #31890, and **Jason Gonzalez**, #32850, who both have completed the tough motor school training and are officially Motor Cops. Both leave CTD for STD.

Ask 24 T 90

Questions asked of Officer **Fox** by field officers about the Bandit Taxis.

What can I cite a Bandit Taxicab for if I see him pick up a fare?

LAMC section 71.02(A) or (B) but it's an RFC; 71.02(B) LAMC is for unmarked taxis; A is for marked taxis.

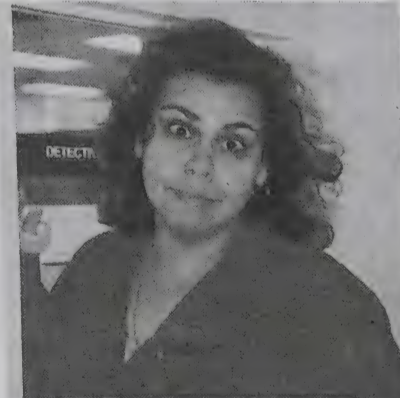


by Angie Hugen
North Hollywood Division

Blank Walls are on Our Wish List

Ed Brentlinger has worked tirelessly to eradicate North Hollywood graffiti. With a sprayer in one hand and a camera in the other, he documents their misdeeds then paints them out many times before their artwork dries. His compliments from the community have caught the attention of Councilmember **Wendy Greuel**. She toured North Hollywood with Officer **Tito Mariscal**, and has pledged her resources to help "de-blight" the area. On November 16, Councilmember Greuel's office hosted a neighborhood paint-out project.

We also work hard to make others' wishes come true.



Esti is a bit too busy for photo shoots...

We see the phrase "the spirit of giving" plastered over most department stores this time of year, but to find the real spirit we must leave the mall parking lot and look to our own Reserve Officer **Esther Niell**. Esther takes wishes from our ARC kids, and shares their dreams with almost everyone at North Hollywood. She takes gifts

27908(a) VC states that in every taxicab operated in the state of California, there shall be a sign of heavy material, not smaller than 4x6 or such other size as the agency regulating the operation of the taxicab in view of the passenger at all times.

The name, addresses and telephone number of the agency regulating the operation of the taxi (DOT).

The name, address and telephone number of the firm (company) licensed or controlled by the agency.

L.A. City DOT taxicab detail regulates all taxicabs in the City of Los Angeles.

Vehicle Code section 2806 VC allows any police officer or deputy having reasonable cause to believe that any vehicle or combination of vehicles is not equipped as required by this code or is in unsafe condition as to endanger any person may require the driver to stop and submit to an inspection.

As we know, most of the illegal taxicabs are bought from the auction. These vehicles are retired police cars that have been taken out of service due to mileage or age. These vehicles have been damaged in T/Cs or other mishaps. A close inspection of some of these vehicles show seat belts inoperative, bald tires, broken doors and other damaged equipment. ❖

for them and creates a memorable holiday party. She also throws a wonderful party for dozens of DAPS and brings food and gifts to many victims' families. So if you see eight tiny reindeer parked in the red zone out in front of the station, you'll know Santa's letting his partner, **Esther**, borrow the sled for the afternoon. Thanks, **Esther**, from those who know you, and the many who have a better holiday because of you.

Home for the Holidays

Lauren Nicole Millan, born October 12th, will be brightening the lives of the



The Millan family stops by North Hollywood.

Millan family as she celebrates her first Christmas. We have many other North Hollywood babies celebrating their first holiday seasons as well. Congratulations



Margie Coffey and her grandson Nathan, Carol Teeman and her grandson Jeremy enjoy an afternoon at the Pumpkin Patch.

to all, and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. ❖

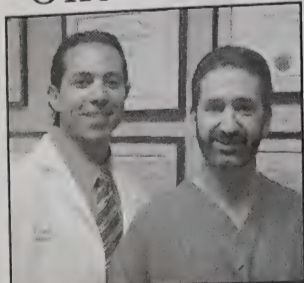
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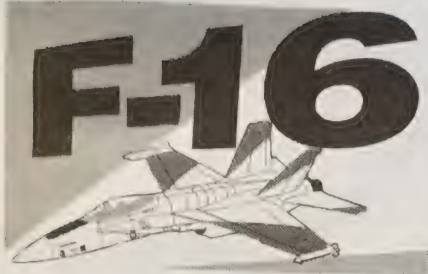
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by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

Officers working the patrol duties in this area are hard working, professional and great team players. Day and night they are at all times protecting the community from the criminal elements in the Foothill area. As an SLO, I ask these officers to conduct extra patrols in the problem areas and give them valuable information on the key players who are causing the fear in the community. Using team building leadership, the crimes are solved in the area by the positive enforcement used by these outstanding officers. The type of illegal activities these officers have solved are the business burglaries in the Van Nuys corridor area, LVT/Foothill Blvd. area. Narcotic activities, robberies and quality of life issues. I would like to thank all of these officers for their efforts throughout the past year.

Officers that are always involved are, **Clark and Knopp, Van Natter, Clair, Fryer, Bygum, Casillas, Cummins, De La Cerda, Delacruz, Anaya, Balderas, Barba, Bassler, Benavidez, Bisbee, Boyles, Brackins, Buenaventura, Casillas, Dinse, Drayton, Franklin, Gable, Guillermo, Guzman, Harper, Hennesy, Hunt, Marquez, Miller, Najera, Napolitano, Nunez, Parra, Pena, Read, Rico, Royal, Smiths, Tamura, Tanaka, Torres, Wilbur, Yepes, Isso, Jetter, Levin**, and these are the guys I went to for help and always solve the problems in the area. Again, guys, thanks for all the help during the year.

Foothill Detectives

I would like to commend D-2 **Carlos Sanchez**, and SEU/CLEAR Units for their outstanding efforts to investigate all the gang crimes and their activities. These officers conducted numerous

investigations, search warrants, and task forces to solve all the gang crimes in the Foothill area. SEU/CLEAR officers completed numerous search warrants that solved several homicides in the area and obtained evidence to solve other violent crimes. All of these officers work close with parole agents and probation officers to monitor gang offenders. Again, outstanding job.

Foothill Sports

On October 13, 2002, at high noon, Sgt. **Angela Chu** and Officer **Kellie Sisserson**, representing LAPD Foothill Division, joined over 30 teams of competitors in the 18th Annual LASD Charity Shoot-out held at the Pitchess Deten-



Angela Chu & Kellie Sisserson at LASD Charity Shoot-out.

tion Center in Castaic. This is Angela's seventh year of participating in this annual event, which raises funds for Survivors in Partnership, an organization that provides support for families of downed officers and their families. This event consists of four stages, which are timed courses of fire that tests one's marksmanship through friendly competition. There were teams representing the various LASD divisions as well as teams from other police agencies. Angela and Kellie competed in the two-person team. Angela ended up winning the "Best Female Shooter" trophy, her third such trophy in the last seven years. Kellie did exceptionally well for her first time participating in this competition. Both Kel-

lie and Angela are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Both Foothill area patrol officers and detectives enjoy Sgt. Chu's leadership skills, team building, guidance and outstanding tactics during critical incidents. During a barricaded suspect, Sgt. Chu handled the incident without any problems using all of her resources to take the suspect into custody. She is a tough person. She and two other officers enter a residence to search for GTA suspect in the attic area. By using a mirror from the bathroom, she was able to locate the suspect in the attic and to see that he was not armed. She and the other officers were involved in altercation with the suspect and were able to take him into custody. She used outstanding tactics to protect her officers. I talked to all the officers and detectives at the scene, who stated that Sgt. Chu was outstanding and gave great direction.

Foothill Legions

Well I ran across one of the best Senior Lead Officers in the city—"Minor Jimenez." We were talking about the good old days of police work and how it's changed. SLO Jimenez retired from the job due to medical reasons. At his time at Foothill, Minor developed over 30 neighborhood watch groups and Operation Sparkle clean-ups, with all his members of up to 500 to 1,000 citizens at a time. He also started parole and probation searches, vendor task forces, business watch groups, numerous block parties, and used building and safety resources to solve quality of life issues. I was fortunate enough to be trained by SLO Jimenez. His advice was to always take care of the community. They are one of your best resources to solve your problems. Use all the government agencies within the outside of the police department. Work as a team with all of the specialized units—SEU, Narcotics and Vice—they are the best enforcement units to have. Also you have to love what you do and care about people, and they will take care of you. It was good to see him. I was trained by the best, and I am very grateful for his wisdom and experience. Thank you again, SLO Minor Jimenez for the help.

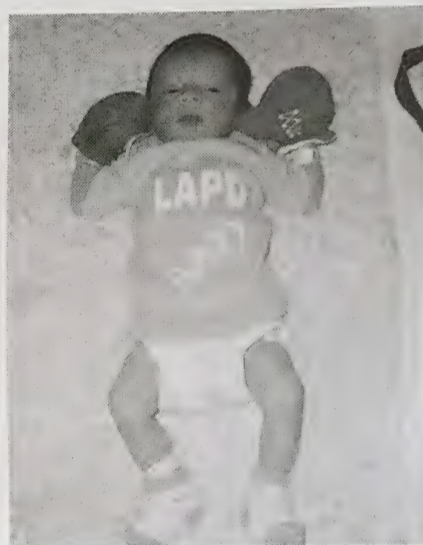
Community

Three times a week Terra Del Sol Foundation sends over four to five indi-

viduals to help around the station by cleaning up the area and washing police cars. The foundation's goals are to assist citizens with disabilities to establish meaningful, productive lives and to achieve value roles within their families and to serve the community. **Ray Gill** (Trainer Job Coach) with his helpers **Maria Benitez, Kim Beard, David Park**, and **Maria Ledesma** are giving service to the community by volunteering their time at Foothill Station. We here at Foothill are grateful for your help around the station and efforts to get involved with the community. Thank you very much.

New Born

Congratulations goes out to Officers **Rosa Pena** and **Daniel Parra** for the birth of their baby boy, **Daniel Scott Parra**, October 18, 2002, 7 lbs., 8-1/2



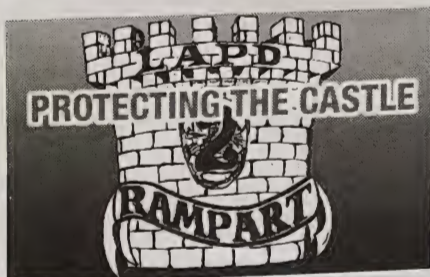
Nicolas Fredrick DeLaCerde, D.O.B. September 18, 2002.

oz., 20-1/2 inches long. Bless all three of you and see when we see. Take care.

Congratulations also goes out to the **De La Cerda** family for the birth of their son, **Nicolas Fredrick De La Cerda** on his arrival on September 18, 2002. Looks like he is going to be a fighter.

Retirements

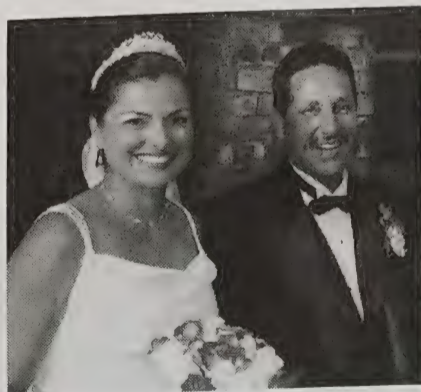
I would like to wish the best to Sgt. **I Pete Weinhold** for 33 years of service, and to have a great time at the river. Enjoy and see you soon. ♦



by James Tomeo
Rampart Division

Let's start off this month with a couple of congratulations to a couple of deserving P-3s who recently got promoted to sergeant. First there was **Danny Eun**, and now **Ron** (aka "Topper") **Lopez**. Great job, guys, and remember to spell those names right when you cut those face sheets. You are supervisors now. We also had a couple of P-1s make the grade and are now P-2s. Good luck goes out to **E. Coffey** and **J. Campos**. Have fun guys. "Little Lt." **G. Magallon** is a P-3 now and transferred to NOE. Good luck, and have fun, George. Officer **L. Diaz** (aka "Lucy") is now at MRS and looking good on those TV interviews. Have fun, Lucy. Det. **Tolliver** left us and is now at DHD, and Det. **Anderson** went to Devonshire, P-3 **P. Chan** went to Narco. Good luck and best wishes. And last, but not least we got two converted sergeants, Det. **R. Nakamura** and Det. **Harris**. Welcome.

There were a couple of marriages to celebrate this month—Det. **Ricky Ramos** finally tied the knot, along with Sgt. **Vargas** who followed suit. We would like to welcome both of the newly marrieds to our family here at Rampart.



Ricky Ramos and wife.

Sgt. **Piazza's** peddlers made another great showing in a second MS bike ride from Orange County to San Diego, 100 miles in two days. Outstanding job, guys and girls.

Rampart turned out in force at the bench press competition and almost took the coveted title from 77th Division. We placed in quite a few classes and took second place overall. We had a lot of participation and next time plan to have even more. The title is not far away and well within our grasp. Great job, guys and even better job, girls.



Rampart bench press.

Commendable Caper

Officer **O. Duenas**, #34853

Officer **T. Nguyen**, #33268

On November 2, 2002, at approximately 0300 hours, officers were in the area of MacArthur Park when they observed a vehicle stopped at a red light

with a female struggling to break free from a male in the backseat. When the female saw the officers, she screamed for help. The male attempted to cover her mouth, grabbed her arms and tried to tell officers she's my girlfriend, it's okay. The officers knew it was not okay, so they ordered the occupants from the vehicle. As one of the suspects exited, he dropped a handgun next to the vehicle.

Officers were able to take the two suspects into custody without incident. During the officers' investigation, they revealed that the two suspects had just kidnapped the female at

gunpoint, forced her into the vehicle and were about to flee the location with the female victim.

Officers **Duenas** and **Nguyen** did an outstanding job in taking two violent felons off the streets of L.A. Great job, guys. ♦

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SWEARING IN OF LAPD WILLIAM



Police Commission President Rick Caruso and newly appointed Chief of Police, William J. Bratton.



Commissioner Rick Caruso congratulates Interim Chief of Police Martin Pomeroy. Police Commissioner David Cunningham III looks on.



City Controller Laura Chick, City Council President Alex Padilla, Chief Martin Pomeroy, Mayor James Hahn, Mrs. William Bratton and Chief William Bratton.



Mrs. Bratton with Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell and Kathy McDonnell at the ceremonies.



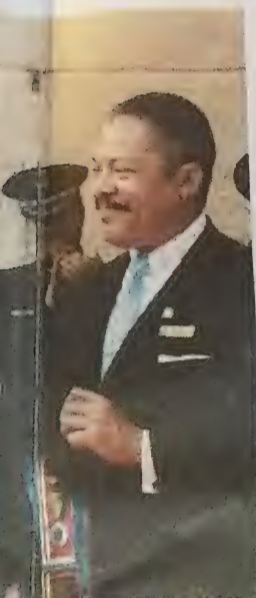
LAPD Motor Officers in formation.



LAPD Color Guard.

CHIEF M BRATTON

Photos by Peter Repovich



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Mrs. Bratton congratulates her husband, Chief William Bratton. Governor Gray Davis also honored the new Chief.



well at the installation



Chief William Bratton addresses the guests.

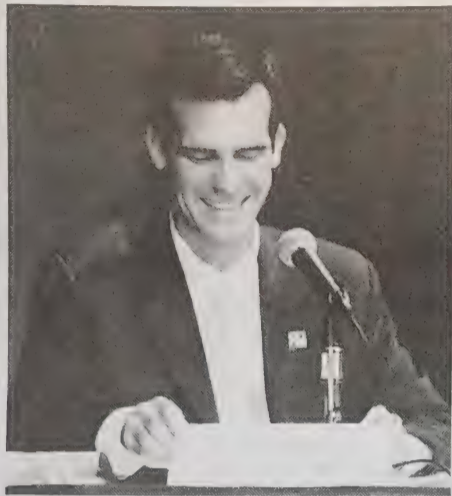


Metro Officers Mary Davis and John Paul Franklin II, with Mrs. Bratton.



Members of LAPD Mounted Unit.

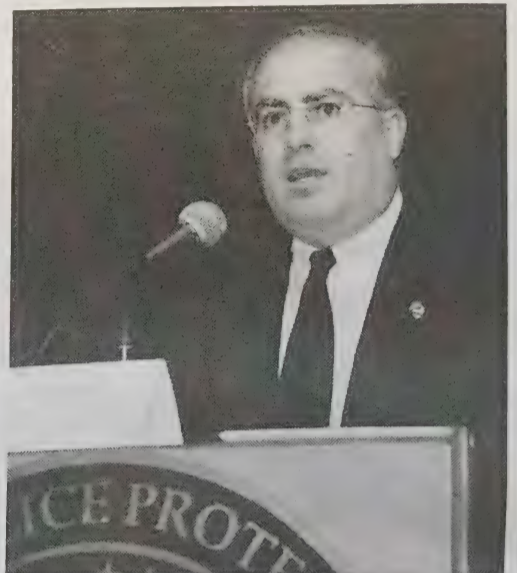
Los Angeles Police Protective League Valley Secession Debate



Eric Garcetti, Councilmember, District 13.



Laura Chick, L.A. City Controller.



Peter Repovich, Director, L.A. Police Protective League.



Cindy Miscikowski, L.A. City Councilmember, District II.



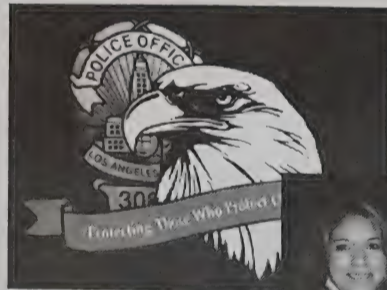
Richard Close, Chairman, Valley VOTE.



Bob Scott, Co-Chair, Alliance for a New L.A.



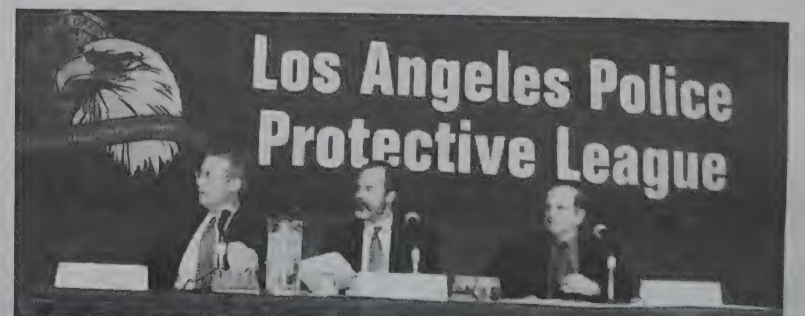
Paula Boland, former State Assemblywoman, 38th District.



League staff members assisted with the Debate. From left: Sandra Perez-Negron, Helen McVay, Jennifer Gallegos, Feni Ricard, Lauren Gilmore, Lisa Burrola and Clementine Ramirez.



Director and host, Peter Repovich welcomes panelists and guests.



Panel moderators: John Schwada, Fox II TV, Jim Newton, Los Angeles Times, Dave Bryan, KCAL 9 TV.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

18 SOUTHEAST

by El Payaso
Southeast Division

Still Rollin'

During a time in which our department is constantly changing, it's nice to know some things remain the same. One of those things is **Lt. J.J. May**.



Chief Bratton presents 35 year pin to Lieutenant J.J. May.

On Tuesday, October 29th, 2002, Lt. May was awarded his thirty five-year pin during the a special ceremony at Parker Center. Yes, **THIRTY-FIVE YEARS!**



Lieutenant May, 1967.

Lt. May was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on April 27, 1967. The president was Lyndon B. Johnson, the hot car was the Pontiac GTO, and the number one song "All I

Need is Love" by the Beatles. If you ask him, he would probably tell you he came on when you had a diaper on your butt, and boogers falling from your nose. Yes, for those of you who don't know Lt. May, one thing you can always count on is his quick wit.

Upon his graduating from the academy, Lt. May was issued a crossbow and assigned to 77th Division where he is rumored to have patrolled the streets on horseback with his partner King Tut. Later, when the car was invented, Lt. May traded in his crossbow and horse for a six shooter and a black and white. Since then Lt. May has held a number of assignments, ranging from being a PIII assigned to Harbor Division to a Sergeant I in Operation-South Bureau CRASH where he struck terror into the hearts of many gang members.

Today, Lt. May enjoys the good life as the "Head Honcho" of the Southeast Violent Crimes Task Force where he continues to do an outstanding works in his service to the City of Los Angeles. So, please join me in congratulating Lt. May on this milestone in his career. Best wishes to you Sir on a job well done!

Injured Reserve

For those of you who have passed the empty desk of our beloved timekeeper **Debbie Rossman** and wondered, "Where is she?! What will be become of the books and all that OT I put in yesterday?!" Don't panic, Debbie is recovering from surgery to her left wrist and will soon undergo another surgery to right wrist to repair damage caused by Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. Get well soon! Of course we miss you!

Kiddie Corner

Congratulation to PIII **Dominick "Bam Bam" Iasparro** and his wife on

the birth of their son **Dominick James**. The little Iasparro was born September 8th and weighed in at 6 pounds 15 ounces and measured 22 inches.

Congratulations are also in order for **PIII Bobby Martinez** on the birth of his new daughter **Jessica**. The new princess arrived September 14th at 0525 hours. Jessica weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Taking the Plunge

Congratulations and good luck to **PII Kenny Schmidt** and his new wife **Lisa**. Those crazy kids tied knot on August 24th, 2002.

Makin' the Moves

Good luck to all of the following people leaving Southeast; Detective, is now **Sgt. Ferro** and is bound to HWD, PIII, is now **Sgt. Kowalski** is enroute to VNY, PIII, now **Sgt. Rivera** is out to WIL, **Detective Puebla** is on a follow up to Juvenile Division, **Detective Sears** is out to Northeast, **PII Smith** is out for further in CENT. And last but not least, look out PI's because PII's **Behrens, Kim, Leiss** and **Vargas** are the latest additions to the fine assortment of Training Officers at Southeast.

Welcome aboard to the following persons now arriving in Southeast Division; **Det. I Nemeroff** from HARB, **Det. I Diaz** from METRO, **Det. I Lujan-Hillsly** from WB, **Det. I Margolis** and **Dehesa** from HARB and **Det. I Dixon** from WIL.

Quick Notes

To all of you interested in representing Southeast in the Baker to Vegas Relay as a runner or being part of the support team, see **Sonny Garcia**. ♦

TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
South Traffic Division

Greetings, Amigos! First things first. South Traffic Division extends a belated but hearty welcome to our new chief of police **William Bratton**. Chief, we are behind you 100 percent and look forward to your leadership of our great police department.

This article will come just after the diet-busting day of Thanksgiving. Let us

who has and continues to face great challenges is **BCMC Unit 18MARY11**. We all know him by his call sign, but if you don't, his name is **Officer Ed Burns**. We wish you, as well as those not listed by name here, a speedy recovery as we approach the holidays.

I direct you to the photo in this article with two of South Traffic's **BCMC** officers. Many years ago, they were the kids in grade school who sat in the back of your class and sent spit wads flying with criminal intent or flicked your ear as you sat reading your book. Well, they are all grown up now and are members of the finest deuce watch team in the city. **Officer Gary Current** and **Officer Kevin Scott** each and every day prevent tragedy from occurring to all who live and work within the city limits. We will never know the heartaches prevented



Officer Gary Current and Officer Kevin Scott.

because they and their fellow deuce watch motors were proactive and took the deuce off of the street before he or she could create havoc.

This next bit of info is filed under the "use good tactics in court" file. If you are in court, I strongly suggest you do not sit on the side where he carries his O.C. spray. I'm sure Officer Scott will also agree with this author's admonition and give you a full explanation.

South Traffic Division wishes happy holidays to all and a prosperous new year, 2003. ♦





Captain Ann Young and Lieutenant Tony Zamora.

not forget what this holiday directs our attention to. We all have many thanks to be thankful for. People should be at the top of our thanks list.

This article will be short since the author is currently on bonding leave. South Traffic Division has many individuals who are either light duty or off with injuries or illnesses. One individual

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division



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Changes

The 11th Transfer Order is out and the results are: Outgoing was Det.1 **Greg McManus**, now a new Sgt.1 in Wilshire; gone to Southwest Division was Lt.1 **Oneil Carter**; moving up from Sgt.1 to Sgt. 2 was **Katarina Thomas**, now at Internal Affairs Group; P-3 **Steve Jenkins** got picked for Metropolitan Division; new P-2 **Candice Candelaria** shipped out to Central Division; P-2 **Nancy Gumbs** is gone to STD.

Incoming to Harbor: P-3 **Mike Falvo** left Pacific-LAX and jumped up to Det.1 with us; Lt.1 **Antonio Zamora** left STD and is at the helm for mid-day watch; P-3 **Patricia Suarez** left Wilshire Division; P-3 **Thomas Cleary** and P-2 **Bret Banachowski** left West L.A. Division to

see the Southern Tip; P-2's **Hector Aceves** & **Tracy Hauter** split from Communications Division, and P-2 **Carlos Lozano** left North Hollywood Division, to get some fresh ocean breezes; P-2 **Gilmar Carranza** switched from Pacific Division to try our coastline; and P-2 **Bruce Borihan** in from Training Division (and da' islands, cousin) to make his return back to LAPD. Aloha!

Last but not least, a brand new bunch of recruits fresh from the Academy, P-1's

Michael Cassetta, Dan Chilson, Victor Fain, John Kline, and George Quinn III. Oh yeah, let's not forget the two upgrades from within, congrats go out to brand new P-3's **Michael Fairchild** and **Kevin Gruner**. Welcome, and good luck to all of you.

In Memory of Brenda Lee Kuzia

Brenda was a brand new P-1, serial #26047, in Southeast Division in 1988-89. Telling me stories of what it was like, she used words like "gutter swipe", code 7, code 6 Charles, g-rides, and suspects. It was all foreign to me at the time, since I was still a civilian. After I came on the job, I quickly learned what it all meant (except for the "gutter swipes" of course!). Brenda showed she was proud of being a Los Angeles Police Officer in the stories she told. She loved it.

Over the next 10 years, Brenda worked other divisions, like Pacific, Newton, two tours at South Bureau Crash, and Harbor. Promoting to Det.1 and Sgt.1 throughout the years, she did a fine job at it all. Her time in S/B Crash gave her expertise, which was sought out by many in LAPD and the FBI. Her last tour in LAPD was with us here in the Harbor, as a Sgt.1. Over the years, she made many friends and people came to know her as a hard worker and great person. Shortly thereafter, Brenda decided to make the move to the FBI, and left for Quantico, VA. After completing the FBI training, she returned

back to Los Angeles and eventually settled into the FBI/Long Beach office.

In the year 2000, Brenda was hit with bad news, and took on a two year battle with breast cancer. She worked through-out much of her battle with cancer, up until the last three months, when it was physically impossible for her to keep working. On October 17, 2002, she succumbed to her illness. Brenda was 37 years old.

Many of us were able to attend her memorial service on October 22, 2002, at the Queen Mary in Long Beach, a fitting location because of her love of the ocean and sailing. I know there were many more that would have liked to attend, but because of prior commitments with mobile field forces and protesters, you couldn't make it in person. Believe me, she knew you were there in spirit.

It's a sad reality that she is gone now. She will be missed dearly by us all. I would like to pass these thoughts on to you: Cancer is devastating, but cancer cannot take away the memories we have of someone, and cancer cannot destroy the love and friendship we've shared. Brenda is now in heaven, perhaps a guardian angel for us all, and when it's our turn at the pearly gates of heaven, there is no doubt in my mind, Brenda will have an easy time of convincing St. Peter to let us in.

In honor of Brenda, I ask that you all be safe, be sound, be smart, and keep on dancing.

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

Recent Events

On September 22nd, Mount Whitney was conquered by Sergeant **Chuck Knolls** (Van Nuys), Sergeant **Dave Cueto** (Van Nuys), Sergeant **Dave Crew** (Pacific), and Detective **Mark Ziemba** (Officer Rep. Section). They started the hike at 0230 hours and made it to the top at 1700 hours. Way to go guys!

Congratulations to **Ron Stilz** (now a detective in Wilshire) and Van Nuys

Explorer Captain **Juan Jimenez** for being the Southern California Juvenile Officer Association's Officer and Explorer of the Year for 2002. A luncheon and awards ceremony was held at the L.A. Mart on October 17th. Juan won a \$2,000 scholarship for winning this prestigious title.

The Twenty-Third Annual Citizen's Recognition Award Luncheon was held on October 10 at the Airtel Hotel in Van Nuys. The luncheon ceremony recognizes the work of citizens who have made commendable contributions to the community. The emcee of the event was Stu Nahan, the sports legend and local news announcer. The event was deemed a great success by all.

We hear that on a recent golf trip in Santa Anita, Detective **Jack Grey**, Detective **Rick Yep**, Officer **David Ham** and Detective **Matt Sibayan** were enjoying a nice round of golf when Matt hit the ball off the fairway and knocked a squirrel unconscious.

Next time Matt, yell "Fore" and warn all of Bullwinkles' friends.

Welcome back to Sergeant **Ernie Jimenez**. We are glad you're feeling better after having shoulder surgery.

Word is out that a couple of morning watch officers, who shall remain nameless, were in pursuit of a duece suspect, got out driven by him and lost him. Luckily an outside division caught the slippery little guy and took him to jail. Maybe next time D and S. Tee Hee!

A quick update on the "Unofficial Van Nuys Weight Loss Contest" is that Sergeant **Dennis Hammonds** mistakenly thought the contest was a weight-gain contest and gained 30 lbs. in the process. Sorry buddy, someone should have told you.

New Additions

Congratulations are overdue to Detective **Mike Reyes** and his wife on the birth of Lauren Mia Reyes, born January 23, 2002. Lauren is now starting

to walk and is getting two new teeth. Better late than never!

Promotions

Ann Pickering #26248 promoted from Sgt I to Sgt II and remains in Van Nuys.

Jason Zabel #31872 who promoted from Sgt I to Det I remains in Van Nuys as well. Congrats!

Ins and Outs

Ins: Sgt I **K. Leong #33563**, Sgt I **D. Kowalski #33157**, Sgt I **E. Lee #33339**, Det I **M. Martinez #26582**, Det I **R. Vongober #25712**, P2 **R. Chavez #33218**, P2 **T. Pikor #33393**, PI **O. Bocanegra #36252**, PI **R. Huerta #36272**, PI **J. Jensen #36273**, PI **S. Leininger #36274** and PI **A. Ramirez #36286**.

Outs: Sgt I **M. Gardner #32848** (to SW), Sgt I **M. Padilla #31244** (to WLA), Sgt II **S. Kuhn #27312** (to IAG), PIII **T. Collins #34694** (to FTHL), PII **T. Scott #33281** (to NHWD), PII **D. Sabedra #35707** (VTD)

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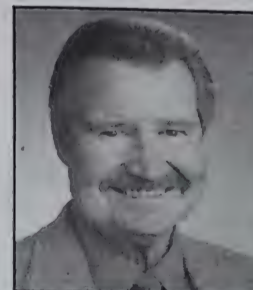
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RHD Divisional Dragnet

by Det. Marcella Winn
Robbery Homicide Division

First, let me apologize for not submitting articles for the last few issues of *The Thin Blue Line*. No excuses, but RHD is back. Robbery-Homicide Division would like to take this opportunity to welcome Chief William Bratton to the LAPD family. Best wishes and good luck!

Commendable Incident

Detectives Timothy Williams and Marcella Winn, Robbery Special Section, provided the following. Between July 7, 2000, and June 12, 2002, the city of Los Angeles, along with several neighboring jurisdictions, became the target of an armed bank robber. This suspect was dubbed the Tennis Elbow Bandit, due to the suspect wearing an Ace bandage or other brace to cover the tattoo of an Indian on his right elbow. In November of 2001, the suspect was profiled on several televised newscasts. As a result of the newscasts, the suspect decided to change his modus operandi and began targeting commercial businesses. As the robberies increased, the suspect began to display a progressive tendency for violence.

On June 12, 2002, Officer Mark Holguin, a loanee from the Elite Metropolitan Division, selected the stakeout locations as Det. Timothy Williams, along with Lieutenants Jim Grayson and C. Velez, coordinated a task force comprised of 160 officers from RHD, Operations Valley Bureau, FBI, Glendale Police Department, and Burbank Police Department. Within two hours of the roll call and deployment of the officers, Detectives Hagge and Tomilin of North Hollywood Division observed the suspect casing the Sav-On and Payless Shoes on Vineland and Victory Blvd. Det. Hagge requested a backup and Detectives Fountain and Stubbs of RHD Bank Section responded and took the suspect into custody without incident.

The suspect confessed to robbing 22 banks and 15 commercial stores. We at RHD would like to take this opportunity to thank the many detectives from Operations Valley Bureau, especially Detectives Hagge and Tomilin. Without their keen observation skills this suspect would have committed another robbery. We also extend thanks to the FBI, Glendale Police, and the Burbank Police Department.

The case was presented to DDA Frank

Tavelman, who filed 37 counts of robbery against this suspect.

Sports

During the month of September, RHD, Robbery Sections, Thunderbolts softball team played a grueling 7-inning game at Belvedere Park against the SIS Ladybirds. The Thunderbolts' coaching strategy, athletic ability, and pitching was the key factor in the Thunderbolts success. Our coaching was provided by "Mr. Robbery" Jack Giroud, pitching for the Thunderbolts was "Boom Boom" Ray Hernandez, and the athletic ability was provided by Richard Bengston, Mark Holguin, Daryl Maxwell, Joe O'Donnell, Bret Richards, Don Wildy, Marcella Winn, Timothy Williams, and Lt. Carlos Velez. RHD cheerleader Donna Corrales provided support for the team. The game was enjoyed by all and provided camaraderie between the two elite sections. The final score was 10-9 in favor of the Thunderbolts. Anyone wishing to challenge these teams must contact Lt. Jim Grayson, owner of the Thunderbolts, or Lt. Mike Williams, owner of the Ladybirds.

Arrivals and Departures

A warm RHD welcome goes out to Eric Miranda, a student worker who comes to us from Metropolitan Division Mounted Unit. Also, congratulations to Det. II Jim Martin who recently transferred from RHD/RSS to SIS. Jim, remember socks off.

RHD's Family Business

Congratulations to Lt. Jim Grayson on the wedding of his daughter, Sgt. II Jefferia L. Grayson, IAG/Advocate Section, to Sgt. II Michael J. Barrios, IAG/R&E Section. The happy couple was married on September 1, 2002, in Newport Beach, California. Also, congratulations to Det. John Wong on the



birth of his daughter, Kimberly, who was born on Aug. 9. Kimberly weighed in at 6 lbs, 7 oz. and she joins older brother Jeffrey. Mom and baby are doing fine. ♦



by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

Central Area Annual Holiday Party

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Holiday Party to be held at the Los Angeles Marriott Downtown located at 333 South Figueroa Street. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, which includes a complimentary photo. Come and join the fun. There will be door prizes, a hypnotist/comedian for entertainment and a DJ. To purchase your tickets, see Tricia Hauck, Rachel Valdez, Victoria Diaz or Bill Ramsey in Detectives. For off-hours see the Central Watch Commander.

Thank you

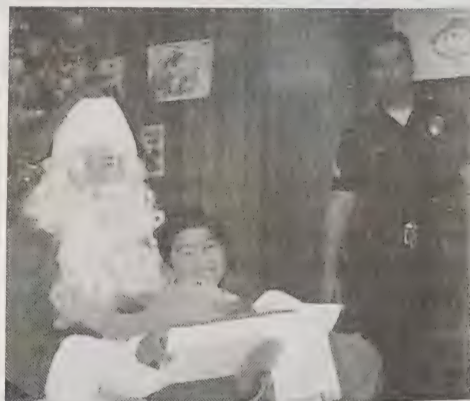
The Central Area Commanding Officer, Charlie Beck would like to thank all personnel from throughout the city that assisted in the Police Brutality March. This year the officers outnumbered the demonstrators 3-1, which was pleasantly surprising since in the past we have had over 5,000 participants.

Scholarship Program

The Central City Boosters in conjunction with the Korean American Garment Industry Association are pleased to announce two scholarships awards of

\$750.00 each to be given to an immediate family member of a Central Area employee (sworn or civilian). The applicant must be a high school senior or currently attending a two or four year college, trade school, professional school or graduate school. Applications will be available in December and the scholarship will be given to the recipient in February 2003. Please see Sergeant Mike Hargreaves or Officer Marie Kardiban in the Community Relations Office for applications and information.

Underprivileged Children



Past Christmas Party with Officer Steve Stranak and Santa Claus. Can you guess who Santa is? This officer has been Santa for Central Division for over 29 years.

As the Christmas season approaches, the Central City Police Boosters are planning our Annual Holiday activities. This year we will again help to organize a Christmas Party for over 70 unprivileged kids from the Children's Learning Center located on Olympic & Flower. The International Jewelry Center and many of the high rises in downtown will be sponsoring a toy drive to help these needy children. If you are interested in donating a toy to help this worthwhile event, please drop it off at the Community Relations Office. ♦

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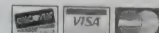
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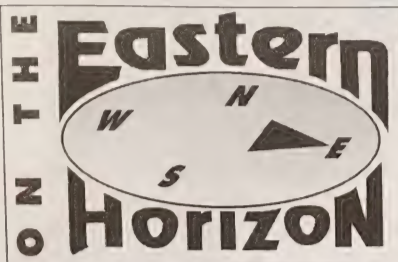
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Happy December, everyone. Now that Thanksgiving is over, don't start that diet just yet as here come the Christmas feasts. May your holidays be full of cheer in the company of your loved ones. Merry Christmas!

Kelly Key Award

Since early 2002, Hollenbeck has

boasted the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF). The unit, created in response to a rise in violent crime, is composed of a group of officers selected based on their reputation for integrity and professional work habits. Since its inception, the VCTF has been instrumental in putting habitual offenders behind bars while solving numerous crime problems. On Tuesday, September 24th, these fine officers were recognized for their outstanding efforts and performance by being awarded the **Kelley Key Award**. The award, normally given to an individual, was awarded to the entire unit and was presented at the 21st Annual Salute to the Los Angeles Dodgers luncheon. Officers honored: Sgt. **Glen Marczinko**, Officer **Roy Reza**, Officer **Juvey Mejia**, Officer **Howard Jackson**, Officer **Charles Moreno**, Officer **Victor (Cheech) Marin** and Officer **Jesse Ojeda**. Congratulations to all of you on this well-deserved award.



Violent Criminal Task Force receiving the Kelley Key Award.

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...and More Congratulations

On October 17th, Hollenbeck Police Explorer Sgt. **Cesar Banuelos** received a \$1,500 scholarship award for being named 1st runner-up in the annual Explorer of the Year competition. Explorer Banuelos was recognized in a ceremony held at the L.A. Mart by the Southern California Juvenile Officers Association. Congratulations on your award and keep up the good work.

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas gala is once again upon us. This year's event is set for December 21st and will be held at the Embassy Suites in the city of Covina.



Captain Paul Pesquena ready for this year's Christmas Party.

Cocktail hour is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m. Purchase your tickets early to avoid a five-dollar penalty. There will be entertainment as well as plenty of door prizes, which will be given to some lucky folks. Wear your Sunday best and bring your dancing shoes. For more information or to purchase tickets, please see **Irma** or **Josie** in the Captain's office.

Baker to Vegas

It's not too early to start planning for the 2003 Challenge Cup Relay. The upcoming event is scheduled for the weekend of April 11, 12, and 13. If you wish to participate, either as a runner or as part of the support staff, lease contact

Officer Austin "Kermu the Frog" Fernald. A reminder that this year's host hotel will be the Las Vegas Hilton. so make your reservation early and mention Baker to Vegas to receive the special pre-arranged price.

...and Speaking of Sports

The inter-departmental basketball league is now underway. If you would like to be a part of the team and represent Hollenbeck on the road to championship, contact **Adrian Parga** of the Gang Unit.

Welcome

A special Hollenbeck welcome goes out to P-2 **R. Scutaru**, in from Wilshire Division and to P-1s **R. Ortiz** and **C. Tomlinson**, coming to us from Training Division.

Goodbye

We bid farewell to Sgt. **Cathy Marin** now assigned to Audit Division. We also say so long to Officer **Juan Mendoza** now investigating traffic collisions and CTD and to **Greg Trejo**, now patrolling the streets of Hollywood Division. Good luck to the three of you in your respective new assignments.

Que Paso

This month's salute goes out to m



Alex Ortiz doing what he does best.

good buddy, Alex "Ricky Martin" Ortiz. Shake a bon bon, pretty boy. ❖

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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

In a few short weeks it will be time to bid each other Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. You have probably been planning what you will wear to the holiday party, whether you'll be renting a tux from Joe's or sewing your own gown with fabric from Joann's. Then again, perhaps it'll just be a trip to Nordstrom or Bloomingdale's for the latest in fashion extravaganza. It has been recently learned that Sgt. **Bill Weber** has been holding out on us. It turns out that he is the king of the old soft shoe and was formerly a dance instructor at Arthur Murray's dance studios. Who would have thought?! Next time you see him, sneak up behind him, tap him on the shoulder, and when he turns around, ask him if he is ready to rumbaaaaaaa. (I'm sure he is...)

Hail to the Chief!...new LAPD Chief **William J. Bratton** that is. He was recently sworn in and has promised to turn the place upside down. One of his first speeches and photo opportunities came on October 29th when he presented pins during an award ceremony for those with 30 or more years of service with the LAPD. Our very own Det. **Robert Lewis** received his 30-year pin and is to be congratulated for achieving that goal. An unnamed source said that, "West L.A. detectives and all of us here are proud of our little Squeaky!" At the start of his career, "Squeaky" had his picture taken with former chief **Ed Davis**, and has now rounded things out by having his 30-year photo taken with the new chief. Lt. **Michelle Veenstra**, auto clerk **Joann Muchnick**, and I were among the attendees at this event, which was held in the auditorium at Parker Center. Family and friends gathered to give a round of applause to each honoree as they marched across the stage to receive their pin and pose with the Chief. The Chief's speech consisted of praise for their years of service and the wisdom they could impart to those around them. Having been sworn in only a few days earlier, the Chief referred to himself as the department's newest

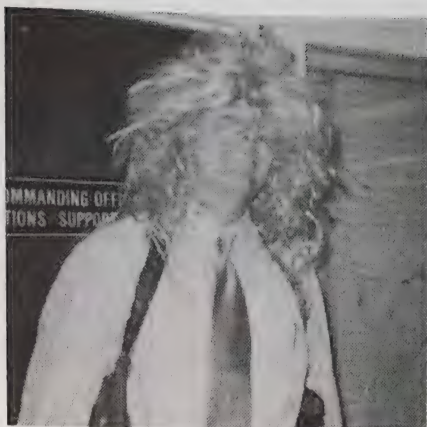
employee, unless someone had been hired the day prior. Bratton commended the department and stated that controlling the gangs was an important part of taking back the city. He will be looking forward to receiving input from both sworn and civilians alike. We support him and look forward to the changes that will be brought about under his leadership as he comes to this department with the highest credentials.

There was an enthusiastic response when it was first learned who the new chief would be. Det. **Randy Fredrickson** recently told a few people that he thinks he will go through the academy all over again so he can encourage the new recruits! What a guy...I wonder if he will start a new trend?!

There are so many good places to eat around this town...so, the "mystery" records clerk asked a few officers for restaurant recommendations for the new chief. P3 **Ted Ferrouillet** suggested Billingsley's Steak House on Pico (owned by Barbara Billingsley of "Leave it to Beaver" fame. Gee, Wally.). "Chief" **Sharif** said he would give it some serious thought and get back to me. Big Tomy's on Pico was submitted for consideration by **Gabriel Cabrera**, whereas **Mario Gonzales** suggested El Tepeyac in Hollenbeck. This was named for the Hollenbeck burrito, which was so big that if you are able to finish one, you will get another one free...somehow I don't think they've given many away! Titos Tacos was mentioned by everybody.

I recently received a phone call from 94-year-old volunteer Harriet Moffett. She called to say a few words of remembrance at the passing of retired Capt. **Jack Eberhardt** who worked at the division for over four years. She said he was involved with all aspects of the station and said, "It was amazing how helpful he was." She had fond memories of the time he played Santa Claus at the children's Christmas party. He came out of retirement and even grew a real beard for the occasion...the kids didn't believe it was real until they pulled on it!

October 11th was a special day for a few West L.A.ers. It seems that four contestants received medals during the recent bench press contest. Det. **Sue Fisher** came in 1st in her class with a bench press of 90 lbs. (that being almost as much as she weighs). Officer **Michael O'Shea** pressed over 450 pounds and also came in 1st. Officer **Matthew Okubo** weighs only about 130 lbs. and was able to bench press over 215, and Officer **Alan Gilmer** pressed over 300 lbs. Capt. **Debra McCarthy**



Is it true blondes really have more fun?! Let's ask Detective Keating.

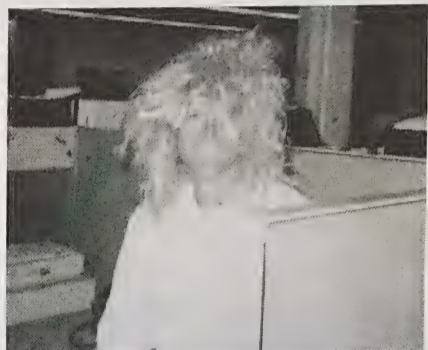


Never a dull moment with Detective Price — another one of the Dixie Chicks!

was the one who informed me of the contest and referred to herself as the cheerleader for the occasion. Perhaps a photo will be forthcoming. Congratulations are in order.

Up until this time, recent arrival secretary **Pamela Mott** stated that everyone has treated her well and welcomed her with open arms. She transferred from R&I Division and said that we have managed to turn her into a lunatic in just a few weeks. But don't quote her on that! Great...we're glad she fits right in with our motley crew. We are still waiting for her to bring in the obligatory bagels and donuts since she is, after all, the new girl. Oh yes, not to mention the lattes and cappuccinos.

We've had some more movement in the force these days. Sgts. **M. Lamont** and **M. Padilla** will be joining us from Foothill and Van Nuys, respectively. P2 **S. Hernandez** will be arriving from Southwest along with **R. Ramirez** and **S. Yurochko** will be arriving from Wilshire. A couple of recruits will also be joining us. They are **S. Cook** and **R. Perez**. Leaving the division were



One of the Dixie Chicks? Will the real Detective Cordobes please stand up?

Charles Lockett who was promoted to Sgt. 1 and going to 77th, Sgt. 2 **Chris Waters** went to AG, Sgt. **John Warren** went to Harbor, and Sgt. **David Koeh** went to Newton. Det. **Britton** has been promoted to Det. 2 and went to IAG. P3 **D. Andersen** went to CTD and **M. Moreno** went to ND. Congratulations and good luck.

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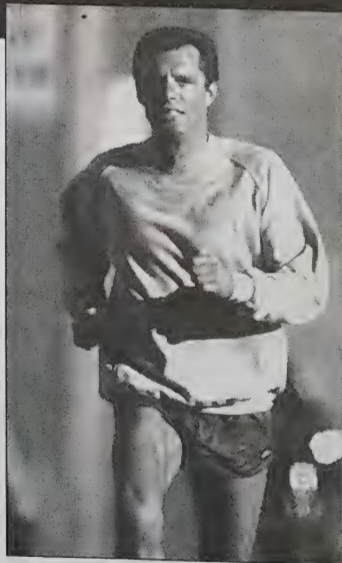
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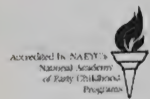
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

Devonshire Weightlifting Team

On October 11, Devonshire officers led by Capt. Joseph Curreri participated in the Department bench press com-



Bench Press Team.

petition held at the Police Academy in Elysian Park. After some heavy duty grunting and groaning, Devonshire personnel did very well. Capt. Curreri gave it his all to press 255 pounds. This got him first place in his age and weight category. It should be noted that the captain is an avid runner. On a daily basis after work, the captain also lifts weights in the station gym doing a variety of body-building exercises. To top it all off, certain days of his weight training sessions are dedicated to power lifting movements. This is why he always does well in this contest. Officer Robert "Reserve Coordinator of the Year" Lequin pressed 285 pounds with his Popeye arms. He received second place for his efforts. Yours truly was only able to press 325 pounds and got third place in my category. The other person in my

category was St. Phillip Hearn. He also benched 325 pounds but because he weighs less than me, received second place. I have been told that for my weight I should be 7 feet 5 inches tall. Officer Nubia Avila benched 100 pounds and this got her first place in her category. She actually benches 110 at the station gym but was DQ'd at the contest on her last lift of 110 pounds because of a technicality. Nubia continues to progress in weightlifting and because of her motivation in strength training, I believe she will continue to dominate her category in future contests. The picture below is of the Devonshire team minus Officer Avila. In the top row we have Sgt. Phillip Hearn, Officer Richard Moakley, Officer Jeffrey Johnson, Officer Robert "When I Used to Work Southeast" Lequin, Sgt.

Rudy Santos, and Capt. Joseph Curreri. On the bottom row is Officer Patrick Higa, Officer Israel Sanchez, Officer Miguel Reynoso, and Officer James Arredondo.

Cookout for the Troops

On Wednesday, October 16, Devonshire held a big barbecue for its personnel. This helped raise dollars for our station fund. The cookout was a success. The main cook was none other than Bob "The Raging Cajun" Lequin. His cooking expertise came into play as steaks twirled in the air and beans and rice were served with perfection. The occasional steak that fell on the ground into the oil slick where the captain's car is usually parked did not go to waste. Those were served to the watch commanders.

A Future LAPD Officer is Born

While working patrol and enroute to a radio call, Officer Mike Coogle received a phone call from his lovely



wife, Karen Coogle, who happens to work SID Photos, and was currently off on maternity leave. His wife told Mike that the baby was on the way. Immediately, Mike went into "Oh @#\$%" mode. He tactically re-evaluated the situation and realized that he had to respond home. After properly having the radio call reassigned, Mike went EOW and arrived at his residence a short time later. He quickly gathered up his wife, her pre-packed suitcase, and flew out the door. Mike was almost at the hospital when he remembered that he had forgotten a vital part of his existence at his house. Making a U-turn and racing back home, Mike dashed through his front door and obtained something very dear to him, his cigars and lighter. Then, it was back to the hospital. On October 17, 2002, at 0235 hours, Mike and Karen Coogle had a baby boy whom they named Cody Justin Coogle.

A Proud Tradition Continues

Friday, October 18, was a special day for our Lt. Joseph Eddy who leads the detective section at Devonshire. His son, Mathew Eddy, graduated from the



Officer Eddy & Lieutenant Eddy.

LAPD Academy. Just last year during our Explorer banquet in November, Lt. Eddy pinned his son with captain bars as he reached the highest rank possible in Devonshire's Explorer Post. Today, Lt. Eddy proudly saw his son parade across

the same field he did, so many years ago. I had the privilege to work with Mathew Eddy when he was the captain of our Explorers. He is a bright young man with a heart of gold and has a great sense of humor. He will be a great asset to this Department. In the picture we see Lt. Joseph Eddy and his son, Officer Mathew Eddy.

The Best of the Best

On October 24, two of Devonshire's finest were honored at Councilman Hal Bernson's 23rd Annual Police Officers, Firefighters, and Paramedics Recognition Luncheon. P.O. William Skett was chosen as one of the Outstanding Police Officers of the Year. Officer Skett is one of the most respected officers in Devonshire Division. For whom, I don't know, but I have been told that he is. Officer Skett gave up his professional baseball career with the Toronto Blue Jays to join the Department in 1999. He is a highly proactive officer and a true asset to Devonshire.

Our beloved Det. III Gary Barthelmess who heads the Major Assault Crimes table was chosen as the Outstanding Detective of the Year. Gary has become an institution at Devonshire. His expertise is of the highest caliber in the fields of domestic violence and sexual assaults. This is not because he has committed these crimes. It is due to over 32 years of dedicated service with the Department and by being the detective in charge of the MAC table since its inception in 1994. Gary's work ethics and personal commitment to his job are unsurpassed. In addition to his on-the-job professionalism, Gary donates his time to assist and advise various community rapid response centers. Devonshire is privileged to have Gary as one of our Detective supervisors.

Recently, 17 Devonshire officers were awarded the "10851 Pin" and certificate for their significant accomplishments of each making at least six GTA arrests in a 12-month period. The following hot rods were honored: Officers Carlos Barrios, Thomas Case, Michel Coogle, Scott Druyun, David Hernandez, Patrick Higa, Tarek Ismail, Jeffrey Johnson, John Macchiarella, Adrian Moody, Nicholas Pikor, Haissam Sabra, William Skett, Robert Tamate, Ryan White, Timothy Wolleck, and Officer Ignacio Murillo.

The award these officers received is a byproduct of the attention to detail and dedication to their job. Aside from arresting GTA suspects and recovering vehicles, the above mentioned officers are constantly involved in making numerous arrests for a variety of violent crimes. They are directly responsible for making the LAPD the number one police agency in the world and why Devonshire can boast that we truly have the best of the best in our ranks.

In closing, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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What About Wilshire?

by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

Merry Christmas! Can you believe the holidays are already upon us and I have not done any Christmas shopping? I'm sure I'm not alone though. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe out there during the season. We all know how 415 people can get including ourselves during this time. So relax and enjoy the time with your families.

Helpers Heroes

On October 23, 2002, at approximately 2315 hours, FTOs Vega, #32419, and Lopez, #34413, were working unit 7A88. Officers were N/B Western Ave. approaching 12th PL when they observed what appeared to be a lookout standing on the corner. They observed a



Officers Vega and Lopez.

man who appeared to look nervous and continued to pace back and forth. They made a left turn onto 12th PL to conduct a consensual encounter when they observed a man sitting in the driver's seat of a parked vehicle. When the officers drove by, they heard a loud banging sound emitting from the vehicle. They stopped their police vehicle and exited. They observed a man hitting the steering column in an attempt to open the column. They observed broken glass on the passenger side where the window once was and they determined that the car was being stolen. Officers put out backup immediately and placed all suspects in custody without incident. Their investigation revealed that the man in the vehicle had two lookouts that were with him while he attempted to steal the car.



2002 Division Inspection.

Officers recovered a screwdriver, hammer and a dent puller amongst other items. Officers Vega and Lopez booked all three men for 487(d) VC and they are to be commended for their attention to detail and their efforts in deterring vehicle thefts in the box. Great job.

Departures

We would like to say goodbye and farewell to the following people that have chosen to leave the wonderful world of Wilshire. One of the greatest detectives, Det. Ramon, #22872, is now working at AG. Sgt. Schiffer, #26702, has promoted to Sgt. II and is now working IAG. Hey, sarge, it wasn't me. Det. Dixon, #26406, is now at SE. Officer Hazer, #33727, has promoted to FTO and is now working at FTHL. Aceveido and Ackerly are on their way so make sure you save them a spot. Harbor Division is very lucky to get this next officer, FTO Vega, #32419, is now patrolling the streets of San Pedro. If you need anything, you can get a hold of my old buddy, Brian Gregson, and he can show you around. Now this next person comes as a surprise to all of us. Officer (non-Spanish-speaker) Scutaru, #34996, is now in East L.A. Hey, Rob, if you need anything over there, get a hold of George Leiva. He knows that division as well as Kermit. Looks like Officer Yuochko, #31618, has gotten tired of the fast pace of Wilshire and decided to go next door to WLA. Why? You'll still be handling calls over here anyway. My partner of over two years, Officer Osborne, #33742, has decided

to leave and further his experience in the department at WTD as he makes his way up the ranks. It has been a wonderful experience and a great opportunity to work with you, and I wish you the best in your future. Don't be a stranger. I, or even the rest of us, might be calling on you to recite manual sections. Good luck, brother, and to all the rest of you we wish you the best.

Wilshire Division recently held its annual inspection and we were lucky enough to get a picture of the entire division. Good luck trying to find yourself in the picture. Everyone looked great and we passed with flying colors. The most outstanding officer went to none other than Sgt. II Thomas. That came straight from our former Chief, Chief Pomeroy.

who by the way we will miss very much as he enters his retirement once again. Wilshire Division would like to close by saying good luck to Chief Bratton and may he lead this department into what we once were—the greatest police department in the world. ❖



by Detective William Baxter
Juvenile Division

Juvenile Division is staffed by a group of dedicated juvenile officers working together towards the goal of safe-guarding children. Currently there are 25 vacancies in the Division. Despite the shortages in personnel, Juvenile Division is still accomplishing its mission and doing it well. In addition to their regular duties, Juvenile Division personnel were called upon to provide Parker Center Security during the October 22nd Coalition, National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality March. It came as a surprise to no one that Parker Center remained safe and secure.

The Department fielded two teams that entered the Hana Relay Race held along the "Road to Hana" in Maui, Hawaii on Saturday, September 14th. Juvenile Division's Captain Sharyn Buck and Detective Marcella Piersol were members of the female team that placed 3rd out of 15 teams who entered in the women's category. The other team members were Lieutenant Michelle Veenstra, Sergeant Maria Martinez, and Officers Annette Olivas and Dalila Vizcarra. The team finished a remarkable 25th place overall out of a field of over 100 teams. Congratulations to all LAPD personnel who participated in this demanding and exciting event.



Captain Sharyn Buck and Detective Marcella Piersol in Maui.

The second School Investigation Buy Unit Reunion was held Wednesday, September 18, 2002, at the Academy Picnic Grounds. The School Buy Program was established in the Fall Semester of 1974, and has been in operation since. To date, over 400 officers have gone through the program as undercover officers. There was a good turn out for the reunion. Chief of Police Martin Pomeroy took time out of his busy schedule and attended the reunion. It was good to see some of the "old timers"; retired Detectives Joe White and Paul Barron (1974), Sam Colella (1978), Bob Taylor. Juvenile Division Captain (1981), and many more. Many "war stories" were exchanged. I think I

can speak for those in attendance: a good time was had by all.

The Los Angeles Police Department's 2002 SCJOA Luncheon was held October 17, at the LA Mart in downtown Los Angeles. This event acknowledges the Juvenile Officer of the Year, Police Explorer of the Year, and outstanding officers who have made a significant difference in the Juvenile Justice System. Detective Brown is known world-wide for his juvenile expertise. Over 260 persons were in attendance to see Detective Brown receive the award, including distinguished guests Los Angeles Police Chief Martin Pomeroy and Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley. Congratulations to Detective III James Brown. Sexually Exploited Unit, the winner of Juvenile Divisions Outstanding Achievement Award.



Detective James Brown receiving Congratulations from Chief Pomeroy.

On October 4, Detective III Marcella Piersol, Bureau Consultants, participated in the "Hero's Stair Climb," an athletic event for public safety employees; including police officers, fire fighters, life guards, etc. The event consisted of climbing 1500 stairs (75 floors) at the downtown Library Tower building. Marcella placed first in the women's category and eighth overall, with a time of 14 minutes, 15 seconds. Great Job, Marcella!



Marcella Piersol, 1st Place, women's category

On November 4, Management Analyst II Karen Trimble, Administrative Unit, returned to work after a lengthy medical leave-of-absence. Karen, all of us at Juvenile Division are happy to see you back and wish you the best of health.

Detective III Brenda Pauly, Administrative Unit, is at home recuperating from arthroscopic knee surgery. Brenda, all of your friends at Juvenile Division wish you the best during your recuperation period, and eagerly await your return to work. By the way Brenda, the SCJOA Luncheon went off beautifully! ❖

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

way out West

by Debbi Friedman
West Valley Division

Ride'm Cowboy!

The West Valley picnic was a great success and a lot of fun. The picnic revolved around a "western" theme. I think our station fund members outdid themselves this year. They really thought of the kids when they put this picnic together. There was a shooting gallery, a moon bounce, tractor rides and an ice cream booth where the kids could make their own sundaes. I was even told there



was a "Habitat Trail" for the kids to crawl around in, and our own **Lori Jordane** had Arts and Crafts for the kids. For adult entertainment there was the horseshoe tournament and a chili cook-off. The winners of the horseshoe competition went to, who else but **John Mann** and his sidekick, **Tom Danzeck**. Can you believe they won 100 bucks for throwing some dirty old, rusty horseshoes? Hope you gave the horse his shoes back! For the chili cook-off it was a close race. Third place went to Lori Jordane for her mouthwatering, none-left-in-the-crock-pot chili. Lori's third place prize were two bottles of wine. What a waste of some good grapes since Lori doesn't

drink, but, hey Lori, I do! Second place went to **Cesar Corona** and **Howard Sebring** for a chili concoction of a little Mexican/American flavor, which left you belching from both ends! For their contribution and taking second place, they were awarded 50 bucks. And our first place Master Chili Chef was none other than **Dan Schmidt**. I heard through the chili vine that Dan's chili is gut-bustin' HOT!! My tongue is a flame'n, call the fire department! For Dan's creative hot, spicy and smok'n chili, he was awarded 75 bucks. Congratulations to all the contestants. Tums anyone!!

But the highlight of the picnic was the mechanical bull and our own West Valley's "Urban Cowboy." Captain **Cansler** showed all us wanna be Buckaroos how it's done. Ya looked real good on that bull, Captain, but the sheer expression of fear on the downside was definitely a Kodak moment! Great bull riding, Sir!!

West Valley's Believe It Or Not?

It seems that not long ago our own Senior Lead Officer **Terry Webb** had a heartwarming moment during one of his meetings at Fulbright Elementary School. Apparently there was a young female student who had not been able to openly and freely communicate with her teachers or the other students at this school. When Terry finished his meeting, it was with amazement and awe that this student began talking not only to her teacher, but to the other students. Terry had made some type of positive impact on this child that it encouraged her to open herself up and begin to talk with others. What a wonderful gift Terry gave this little girl. And what a wonderful feeling it must have given Terry to see this child come alive in front of him. You have truly amazed me, Terry. What a special gift you have.

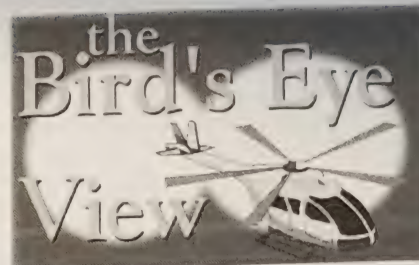
Tis the Season

Well, the year is almost over and so much has happened in the year 2002. Parks is gone, we were given Chief **Pomeroy** to jumpstart the department in the right direction, and hopefully our new chief will continue the same direction for the New Year. That pendulum just might be starting to swing back towards the middle. What a great holiday gift that would be.

I want to wish everyone at West Valley a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a wonderful New Year! Remember our military men and women who can't be home this year for the holidays. Say a small prayer for their safe return to their families. God bless America and our own Los Angeles Police Department's men and women.

Be safe out there, and back each other up.

Show me C-6 until further.



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

2002 ASD Dining In

On October 14th, Air Support Division held their 2nd annual Dining In at the Police Academy. This event brings members of the Air Support family, past and present, together for an evening of fun and a fascinating keynote speaker. Lt. **Rick Smith** was the master of ceremonies for this event.

The evening began with an incredible video filmed and edited by Reserve Officers **Mike** and **Glenn Grossman**. The video of all types of ASD operations was set to music and included many of the now-famous still photos that Glenn has taken over the past couple years. The video work that Mike does is truly amazing and was enjoyed by all. All of us at ASD are extremely grateful to both of these dedicated men for all of their work they do for us over the year. Glenn and Mike, thank you very much for that video and for all the photos you displayed at the dining in.

After a great dinner, Capt. **Mike Hillmann** covered ASD's year in review. He covered the changes and accomplishments of 2002 and shared some statistics with us. In the past year, ASD air crews were over 52,650 calls, 340 pursuits, and 1,141 foot pursuits. Capt. Hillmann then presented several awards for the year. First he named the recipients of the Randy Champ and Gary Howe Air Crew

officers on the ground are very lucky to have you overhead.

Jim Weigh has been a TFO at ASD since November of 1998. We have a lot of great TFOs here at ASD, but only a few are in an elite category that set the bar very high each and every day that they fly. Jim is certainly one of those TFOs. Jim has excelled in ASTRO and Special Flights as a TFO. Jim's dedication to supporting patrol is evident every day he is in a cockpit. He is very thorough and an excellent tactician. Jim is always striving to improve at this very complex job, and this is what makes him one of our best. Jim is also a Crew Chief in the Huey cadre where he has contact with many specialized units. This is a well-deserved honor for Jim to receive. Congratulations, Jim.

Capt. Hillmann then named the recipient of the Jay Stephen Hooper Award. This person is chosen by the captain for their commitment to the advancement of the goals of Air Support Division. This year's recipient was Lt. **Bob Green**.

For those of you that have worked with Bob Green at various divisions throughout the city, you already know why Bob received this award. Bob gives 110 percent every minute of every day on and off duty. His dedication to ASD is unmatched. This is a man that truly cares about the people around him and is always looking for a way to make things better. When action is required on any situation that should arise, Bob is the man we all go to. Bob's wide variety of experience during his career gives him great insight into most situations. The captain certainly made an excellent choice on this award. Congratulations, Bob, and thank you for all you do for ASD.

This year's keynote speaker was world-renowned aviator Dick Rutan. Dick has done many things in his aviation career, but he is most known for the first and only nonstop, non-refueled flight around the world in December of 1996. This



Photo by Glenn Grossman

Left to right: Lieutenant Bob Green, Pilot John Mardesich, TFO Jim Weigh.

of the Year Award. This award is voted on by all the pilots and TFOs. The pilots vote for the TFO, and the TFOs vote for the pilot. This year's winners were Command Pilot **John Mardesich** and Tactical Flight Officers **Jim Weigh**.

John Mardesich has been at ASD since April of 1989, first as a TFO and then a pilot. John is extremely dedicated to the Air Support mission. He is one of those pilots that gives his all on every call, and should any of you get into a critical incident like an OIS, he is the guy you want flying that bird overhead. John's experience as a TFO is respected at ASD and he is the TFO Training pilot on PM watch. John gets all of the new TFOs on their first month on night watch and trains them in the unique tasks that come with the darkness. This is not an easy assignment in any way, but John gives it his all every night and has had great success. Congratulations, John, on receiving this very well deserved award. All of the hard working

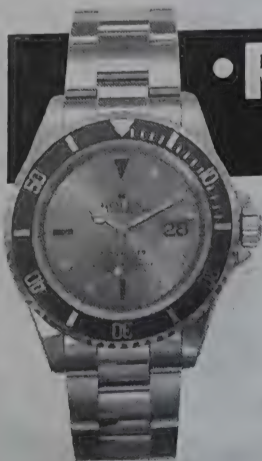
incredible flight started and ended at Edwards AFB taking nine days, 3 minutes, 44 seconds, covering a distance of 26,366 miles. The aircraft used was a one-of-a-kind designed by Dick's brother, Burt Rutan. It was called Voyager. The Voyager aircraft now hangs at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Dick spoke to us about his adventure going around the world and all the problems that went with it. The courage required for this type of flight is immeasurable. We were lucky to have Dick Rutan tell us firsthand about this adventure.

We all appreciated Cmdr. **Mark Leap** and Special Assistant Cmdr. **James McDonnell** for attending this year's event. In addition, Chief **Martin Pomeroy** and Police Commission President **Rick Caruso** stopped by and each said a few words to the group. Thank you all for your support of Air Support Division.

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by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

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Promotions Are Fun

On October 30th, five of our new PILLS chipped in and treated their 77th family to a night of good food and refreshments! Congratulations to **Joe Kuns**, **Cliff Chu**, **Sara Roman**, **Ben McPheeters**, and **Art Talamante** on your recent promotions! Everyone had a great time and it was a nice of you guys to celebrate with us!



The Celebrations Just Keep Coming

On September 18, 2002, numerous 77th Street employees were presented with their new badges at a promotional ceremony at Parker Center. Congratulations to Detectives **John Radtke**, **Michael Steward**, and **Diane Weston** and **Nancy Amoroso**. Sergeants

Danielle Wells, **Mark Campbell**, **Dominic Choi** and **Lt. Anne Clark**. After the ceremony there was cake for everyone in the community room.

Bench Press Champions, Again

The word dynasty has become synonymous with 77th Street's Bench Press Team. On October 11, this team broke its own record and won its 14th straight victory, a feat no other team has ever been able to do in the history of the Los Angeles Police Department. Rail/Bus, Rampart and Pacific Divisions brought a full contingent of competitors for they all felt that "their time had come," but after all the whooping and hollering was over, 77th Street lifters prevailed again. Maybe it is time to rename this event "The 77th Street Commemorative Bench Press Contest."

Chief Bratton Visits 77th Street

On November 1, 2002, our new Chief paid a visit to 77th Street and joined our Operations South Bureau/Special Enforcement Unit for the service of a search warrant. The warrant was the work of Det. **S. Michelson** and Officer **T. Lovan** and was obtained after an extensive investigation involving sales of narcotics by a notorious gang within 77th Street. Due to the fact that this involved gang is known to be in possession of high-powered rifles, SWAT was recruited to make entry into this location.

Once SWAT fired diversionary devices into the residence, entry was made, narcotics were seen flying out of windows and all the suspects inside the location were taken into custody without incident. Two suspects were booked for sales, one shotgun and one .25 auto was recovered.

For a first visit to 77th, the Chief was able to witness an outstanding display of teamwork, tactics and 77th Street professionalism. Outstanding job, guys!

Christmas Here Again

Wow! Where did the year go? Time again to come together at the O.G. location in Gardena and wish each other well. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 11th. Call any 77th Senior Lead if you need additional info.

If we do not see you, we all hope you have a safe and joyous holiday! Take care of yourself and your families. God bless!

Northeast corner

by Susan Loera
Northeast Division

Holiday party

Northeast Holiday party is right around the corner. The party is to be held at the La Canada Flintridge Country Club on Friday the 13th. Social hour begins at 1800 hours and dinner is to be served at 1900 hours. Let's all start the Holiday season with a bit of cheer and high spirits.

Commendable capers

On April 30, 2002, Detective **Abiel Barron** #24314, was assigned Northeast area Detective Homicide unit. He was monitoring the radio when a call was broadcast of a suicide in progress at the LA River. Detective Barron did not hesitate as he quickly responded to the suicide location. He observed a male transient frantically attempting to hold on to a woman. The woman was on the outside of the pedestrian guardrail. She was attempting to commit suicide by jumping from the bridge to the concrete bottom some fifty feet below. Detective Barron saw the male was losing control of the woman and believed she could fall to her death at any moment. Acting decisively and without regard for his own safety, Detective Barron climbed over the guardrail. He held onto the guardrail with one hand and with the other hand he managed to lift the distraught woman over the rail and into the hands of the male transient. The male held the woman until Detective Barron could make his way safely over the rail. Detective Barron continued assisting with the welfare of the woman. He discovered that she had two young children, he dispatched a patrol unit to her residence where the children were discovered safe, yet alone. Detective Barron's courage and respect for human life is greatly commended. Due to his quick, action two small children have a mother to go home.

On October 28 Officer **Honor** #23776 and Officer **Vinluan** #30270 responded to an attack investigation. They met with a woman who stated she had met a man over the Internet. The two had agreed to meet. During the meeting the man attempted to rape the woman. The woman escaped the attack and contacted police. Sgt. **Cunningham** #16029 Officer **Tojong** #27088, Officer

F Martinez #33258, Officer **McDowell** #26746, Officer **Utley** #30739, Officer **Plascencia** 33939, Officer **D. Martinez** #35225 and Officer **Qumbita** #33182 responded to assist in a follow up to secure the suspect's residence. Officer **Vinluan** completed a Ramey warrant and was attempting to get the approval from a Judge when he was notified the suspect was in custody. Officers discovered an additional woman inside the man's residence. Officer **Utley** conducted and interview with the woman and discovered she had also met the man on the Internet. She had agreed to meet with the man. He refused to allow her to leave when he had made sexual advances. She stated that if the officers had not arrived when they had she was sure she would have been raped. The officers' vigilant investigation lead to the arrest of a violent individual and the safety of two woman and maybe more.

On August 26 Officer **Wong** #22354 and Officer **Roussett** #31602 conducted an investigation of theft of electrical services. The officers had prior knowledge the location was a known location frequented by a known homicide suspect and his girlfriend, a known burglar suspect. While at the location the officers inquired about the suspect's location. They were informed the suspects were at the location in a rear room. Simultaneously, the officers heard the sounds of breaking glass and pounding coming from the room. They immediately determined the suspects had escaped from the residence and broadcast the information. Detective **Carrillo** #23837 and Detective **Neel** #22489 responded to the location and set up a perimeter and determined the location of the suspect. Detective **Burcher** #27971 and Detective **Rivera** #26694 became involved in a foot chase of the two fleeing suspects. They first made contact with the female suspect and took her into custody. The homicide suspect continued to run yet ran into the waiting hands of Detective **Munoz** #25107, Lt. **Polen** #22189 and Officer **Falconer** #31418. A violent struggle ensued and the suspect was taken into custody. Outstanding job and great teamwork!

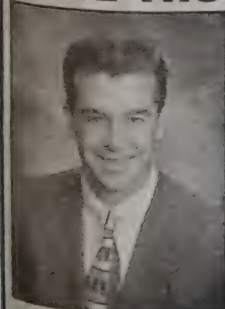
Coming, going and promotions

Congratulations to Officer **Tarankow** #27901 on his promotion to Detective and to Officer **Korn** #31500, to Police Officer III. Detective **Tarankow** will be across the street in Rampart and P-III Korn will be staying at northeast of the J-car.

Detective **Yamada** #30275 is coming to us from 77th and Detective **Sears** #27893, from Southeast. Three Officers are coming from Recruit training Division, welcome Officer **Asuncion** #36248, Officer **Ortega** #36283, and Officer **Pastora** #36239.

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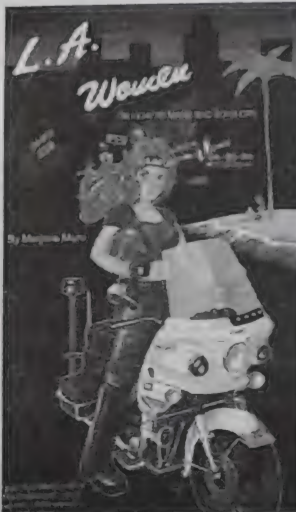
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Trey Baskett
Hollywood Division

Entertainment Tonight

Sergeant **Debra Brounsten** has been discovered. No she wasn't missing. Let me explain. Some time back she was

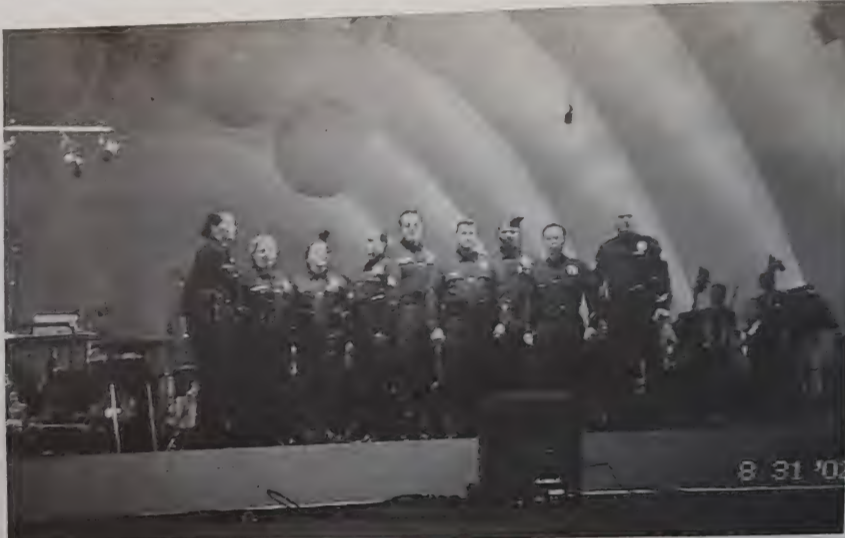


Sergeant Brounsten receives her emmy from Captain Downing.

recruited to act in a public service announcement for the city. She played opposite TV's very famous David Leisure. You know...Joe Isuzu. You might remember him as the star of many a car commercial where he played the smarmy salesman who did not always tell the truth. He's now the subject of a federal consent decree but that's beside the point. Fast forward. The PSA, which focused on earthquake preparedness, caught the eye of the voting members of The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and Sergeant Brounsten was awarded a bonafide "Emmy" for her

compelling performance. Fabulous! I hear the sequel is even better. By the way, do you know how many actors in Hollywood pound the pavement day in and day out looking for a little recognition? She made it look soooooo easy.

Over Labor Day weekend a group of talented voices from our division had the privilege of performing at the Hollywood Bowl. Led by Detective **Deborah Gourman** were Detective **E.T. Gibson**, Detective **Liz Estupinian**, and Detective **Marcell Morris** as they backed up NYPD Officer **Daniel Rodriguez**. The group graced the Bowl three nights in a row with God Bless America. If you have ever been there on



Representing Hollywood at the Bowl.

a summer night you'll know they start each performance with our National Anthem. It's moving, to say the least, when the entire crowd rises to its feet to sing along. The combination of these two songs set the tone for a very patriotic evening and showcased some real talent right here at home.

Employees of the Quarter

PIII Nicole Merhringer has been selected as Hollywood Area Officer of the Third Quarter. Anyone who has seen Nickie at work knows she is always on the move. She distinguished herself as a

capable gang officer during a tour with Hollywood SEU. Last summer she and her partners displayed a selfless spirit when they entered a burning building and assisted the residents to safety. (See the July 2002 Blue Line) And she faced one of the toughest challenges of any officer's career...a knock down, drag out fight with a violent suspect. The battle left her severely injured. Through teamwork, perseverance and willpower she and her partner were able to overcome the suspect. It is these qualities that illustrate why Nickie was chosen for this honor. Congratulations!

John Padilla, or "Johnny P" as he is known, is attached to the SEU Gang Detail as the unit's lead detective. This is one of the most vital assignments in OSD and can challenge even the most experienced investigator. Detective Padilla has displayed an affinity for

of Detective Padilla's outstanding work ethic. For those reasons detective Padilla has been selected as Hollywood Detective of the Third Quarter.

Ins Ups and Outs

Sergeant **R. Valois** came in from NHWD. Sergeant **L. Tiano** went to VNY. Detective **Dave Friedrich** left for NHWD. **Tom Holzer** will be chasing deuces up in FTHL. In exchange we got **Jerry Wert** from FTHL. Vice. **J. Pelayo** arrived from WVAL. Congrats to **Norma Stang** who was picked up by METRO. **Mike Brose** and **Brian Dameworth** hit the wheel to COMM. What a shame to lose those guys. They brought a lot of speed to our Baker Vegas team. **Mark Aguilar** returned from an outside department where he spent a short time before deciding the LAPD was the place to be. Welcome back. **J. Ardini** and **G. Bucknell** came over from VNY.

Parting Shot

What the #*\$%! Look at that hair!! This photo was slipped under my door by an anonymous source. Dinner for two LA at Sizzler (salad bar only) for the first person to ID this officer. If this officer

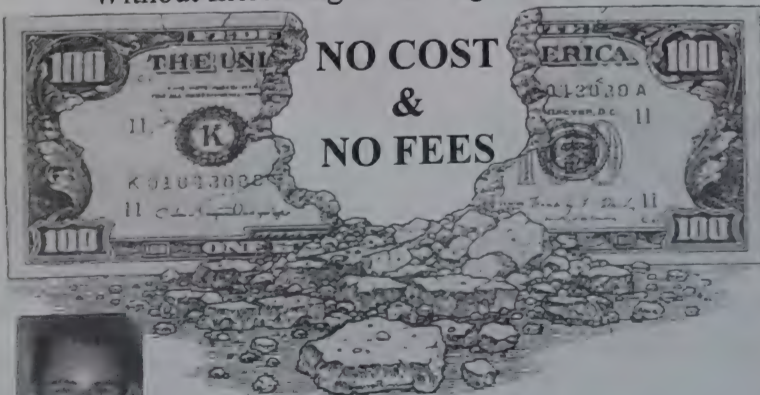


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Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

First things first:

Believe In The Power Of The Rally Monkey!

What better way to cap off the year than with a championship flag flying over the Big Ed in Anaheim. The Angels in the World Series? Impossible! Why, pigs will fly and a New York cop will head LAPD long before that ever happens! (Oh, wait... a New York cop now is head of LAPD. Hold onto your hats and watch out for pig pies from above... the Apocalypse is just around the corner!)

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New Finish Line For Baker To Vegas...

Selection of the Las Vegas Hilton as the host hotel for the 2003 race necessitated relocation of the finish line for the 120-mile relay. After much study it was determined that ending the race at the Hilton would be inherently dangerous for runners, as well as logistically near impossible.

The Silverton Hotel, at the intersection of Blue Diamond Road (Hwy 160) and Interstate 15, has been selected to serve as the finish line for the race this

coming April. Approximately five miles south of the Rio Hotel, last year's finish line and host hotel, the new location will provide a much safer run and eliminate many of the dangers encountered in the last leg of the race when it finished at the Rio. It also allows for a larger finish and spectator area.

To accommodate the change the first leg has been moved down Hwy. 127 closer to beautiful downtown Baker and the length of legs 19 and 20 has been adjusted.

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Late CPAFG Bench Press Results...

Unfortunately the following information fell through the cracks a few months back and never made it to press. The "Over the Hill" Bench Press Team struck two golds and one silver at the California Police and Fire Games.

Bringing home gold were **Tom Vigen** (age 62) with a lift of 341-1/2 lb in the 198 lb category and **Sam Colella** (age 69) with a lift of 253-1/2 lb in the same weight group. **Rex Shields** (age 63) brought home a silver by hefting 314 lb in the 270 lb group. Shields's lift was all the more remarkable in that he was two months into recovery for major abdominal surgery. Colella turns 70 before next year's games, which will necessitate cre-

ation of a new age category for CPAFG bench press competition.

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The Hand That Feeds Us...

Welcome to our (LAPRAAC's) new boss, **Irma Perez**, recently named General Manager by the board of directors. She succeeds **Bob Gale**, who "retired" for the second time around. Irma was formerly with Los Angeles Police Relief. As far as anyone can tell Irma is the first female to serve in the position.

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A PERSONAL NOTE...

This issue marks the start of my 14th year as Sports Beat Editor and 20th year with LAPRAAC. Thanks go to our gracious host, the Los Angeles Police Protective League, which has generously provided space for the Sports Beat section in *The Thin Blue Line* over that period, and to Editor **Don Lint** and Associate Editor **Helen McVay** for their hard work and occasional "stretching" of deadlines.

Thanks also go to the LAPRAAC Board of Directors for their support over the last 20 years, LAPD Athletic Director **Tony Adler** for making things happen every month, and special thanks to Chuck Foote who "stole" me from LASO to

write and edit the Commemorative Book and later came up with the idea of this section.

On behalf of LAPRAAC, its Board of Directors, General Manager **Irma Perez**, Athletic Director Tony Adler, and yours truly, our best wishes to all our Sports Beat readers for a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanzaa. May the New Year be filled with peace, hope and happiness – not only here in the City of Angels (City of "Angels" – how apropos this year) but throughout the world.

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We Want Your Articles...

Submitting an article for the "Sports Beat" is easy – e-mail to lewsnow@aol.com or fax to (818) 957-4275. Even if you just send notes we can transform that info into an article that gets the word out. Please note deadlines have changed: articles must be received by the last day of the current month to be included in the next issue. For example, articles submitted by December 30 will appear in the February issue. Photographs are always welcome – low-res or jpeg images can be e-mailed to the above address, or indicate on your fax or e-mail that you have photos and we'll contact you.

LAPD CENTURION 2003 Cheerleader Tryouts

The Centurion cheerleaders are looking for people wanting to cheer the 2003 football team on to a championship year. All city employees are eligible. Tryouts will be held Saturdays, December 7th and 14th at West Los Angeles College at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Sharlene Johnson at (310) 915-3931.

LAPD CENTURION 2003 FOOTBALL TRYOUTS

The Centurions are looking for serious football players wanting to be a part of a championship team. All positions are open. Tryouts will be held Saturday, December 7th and 14th at West Los Angeles College at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Donald Payne at (213) 485-2585.

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SPORTS BEAT

2002 a Stellar Year for "Sticktime" Team

by Tony Manente
and Darlene Shelley

The year just drawing to a close proved to be a stellar one for LAPD's "Sticktime" Co-Ed Softball Team. Assembled six years ago, the team participates in Police and Fire Games throughout the nation as well as in local tournaments.

Prior to this year, "Sticktime" has won four gold, two silver and four bronze medals in police and fire competition. The team, however, performed beyond expectations in 2002. They won gold medals in all the tournaments entered, including the Arizona Police Games ("B" flight), California Police and Fire Games, Nevada Police Games and Arizona Police and Fire Games ("A" flight). As usual, the success was the result of a total team effort. It seems as though it was always someone new who delivered a big hit or made a big defensive play when it was needed. The backbone of the team continues to be its

female players who continually seem to out-hit and out-field the competition.

"Sticktime" is coached by Stacy Lim and managed by Darlene Shelley. Team members hail from various assignments throughout the Department and currently include James "Buzz" Bender, Inga Bowman, Ann Chavez, Bobby Diaz, Juan Galvan, Chuck Geiger, Mike Glenn, Tina Glenn, Charles Jo, Kim Jones, Janet Kim, Bart Landsman, Linda Lowande, Tony Manente, Fernando Ochoa, Lori Real, and Michael Winze. Many players also compete in other LAPD sports, such as volleyball, racquetball, basketball, track and field, men's softball and hockey. One of our newest additions, Juan Galvan, proved a very versatile player with a big bat and added a young pair of legs to the team.

"Sticktime" has consistently been one of the department's winningest teams. We welcome department members participating at any of the many police and fire games to come out and cheer on the team.

The LAPD Women's Running Team is looking for interested runners for Baker to Vegas 2003 to help break the record currently held by the LASD Womens team. Time trials are tentatively scheduled for late January, early February. This year our team will be running in honor of Sergeant Brenda Kuzia #26047, a former teammate who recently passed away. If you are interested please contact Officer Sherri Blankenship-Egan, Risk Management Group, via department email.

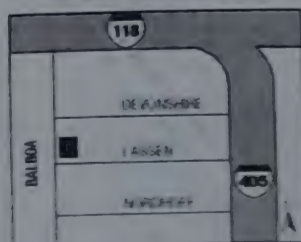
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Preparing to Go the Distance

by Coach Pat Connelly

(Coach Pat Connelly is a retired sergeant from the Los Angeles Police Department where he spent his 30-year career. He is the official coach for the Los Angeles Marathon. Over 20,000 of L.A. Roadrunners have completed the Los Angeles Marathon during the past 11 years with a 99 percent completion rate. Coach Connelly has 35 years coaching experience that includes Birmingham High School, assistant cross-country and track coach at UCLA, and head cross-country coach at USC. Coach Connelly has published a book on running, Go the Distance.

Coach Connelly can be contacted at his Web site: www.secondwindrunning.com or 818-778-3299.)

When I did a four-part training series on KNBC-TV with sports broadcaster Fred Roggin, an important question Fred asked me was, "Why does a runner have to train for five to six months to run a marathon? The answer is simply, 'To get through the Red Zone.'" In football talk, it's the last 20 yards. However, in marathon racing it is the last eight to ten miles.

In order for me to answer this question properly, I have to start at the race day and work back, then I can break down the why and how of training for a half of a year. First of all, a marathon runner has to taper properly and should start the taper three weeks prior to race day.

Second, the meat and potatoes to successfully complete a marathon is to do a number of 18 to 20 mile repeats. Since they cannot be done on back-to-back weekends, you need a week separation between each 20-mile training run. My L.A. Roadrunners do at least four, so that takes an eight to ten week period to complete. We are already three months out from the marathon race date.

Third, the marathon student must develop the appropriate stamina and strength to mentally and physically run a 20-mile training session and that takes at least 90 days, perhaps less for a previously conditioned runner. Wow! That is another three months. Preparing for a marathon, especially your first, you are now looking at at least five months of preparation.

Now we can go back to the beginning. Read on and let's do it right. I break down my training cycle for a marathon into a 90-day cycle and a 60-day cycle. The first 90 days is foundation development and preparation to run the first 20-miler. You cannot get to the 20-miler until you have run the 1- to 19-mile distances. Start out at just running for a timed distance. Let's say a 30-minute easy run or walk/run. Add ten minutes per week until you are up to around 60 or 70 minutes, then you can move into mileage. When you can train 60 to 70 minutes comfortably, go to a six to seven mile distance for your Saturday morning day or the day you select each week for your LSD day. Sorry, folks, LSD does mean a mind-altering drug, it's long, slow distance (running). Simply add one mile per week until you reach the 16-, 17-, and 18-mile session and you are ready for your first 20-miler. Now you are in the beginning of the 60-day race strength development stage and that will include the taper period.

Why are 20-milers so important? The human body was only built to run 12 to 15 miles. As a matter of fact, if you only run three to five miles several times per week in preparation for the Los Angeles Marathon on March 2, 2003, you can comfortably run 10, 12 or 15 miles and feel somewhat comfortable. However, you take one more step and you hit the wall. Socks you like a hammer over the head. By not running the required 20-mile sessions, you did not reprogram your computer, the brain. The safety mechanism built into your body to keep you safe will cause warning lights to go off and keep you from not overextending. Just like on the dashboard of your car when coolant-warning lights go off. The light means stop and check the engine before damage occurs if you are low on coolant. Like the warning light, your mind says stop before damage is done to the body. The runner that completes the required number of LSD training sessions literally teaches his body to perform at longer distances and the computer, the brain, makes the corrections not to hit the wall. LSD reprograms the brain. It is that simple.

A 20-mile training session takes a lot out of your system and you need to pay your body back. For that reason, you should only do a 20-miler every other week. In between you can run an eight to ten mile session. Your last 20-mile run should be no later than three weeks prior to the race day. Why? It takes 12 to 14 days for a training session to get into your system to enhance your performance. For that reason you do not need to push long mileage 1-2 weeks prior. It will be of no assistance and you stand a good chance of not recovering by race day. Some marathon training programs suggest running the marathon distance three to four weeks prior to the race. It is not necessary. The body does not have the time to replenish and will not be ready for race day. My next article will outline in great detail the taper, rest, nutrition and recovery training before and after the race.

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Helen was recently featured in the June 02 issue of "Glamour Magazine," a fitness magazine for women.

L.A. Lawmen Shooting Team

by Tony Huerstel

Greetings from the L.A. Lawmen! Well, the season for that fast and accurate side of firearms competition is winding down. Once again our Glock pistols performed flawlessly. Firing duty compatible ammunition, our Glock put the team in the winner's circle many times in 2002.

Who Are the L.A. Lawmen?

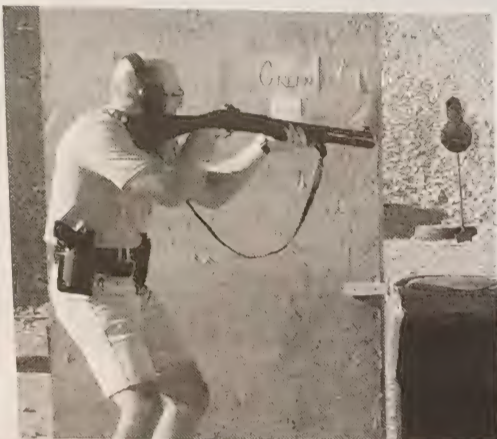
We are a team of male and female LAPD active and retired officers from all ranks of the department. We compete in action shooting matches at the local, national and international level.

What is Action Shooting Competition?

Action shooting is exciting and unique. It requires ammunition to meet specific power minimums. The ammunition we use, in fact, is loaded to specifications near those of duty-type law enforcement ammunition. Practical Action shooting also tests three skills: speed, accuracy and physi-

cal agility. Shooters are on the move. Running, diving, twisting and turning through up to twelve different stages, shooters must fire as accurately and expeditiously as possible at moving, disappearing and reactive targets - all while the timer is running. (Hence the name, "action" shooting.) The shooters' cumulative scores are divided by their respective elapsed times to render their hit-factors. The higher the hit-factor on each stage, the better.

These competitions offer a lot of variety too, because the stages are different at each match, and the course designs are as diverse as the imaginations of the stage designers. Moreover, many shooting situations demand the shooter to distinguish between shoot and no-shoot (penalty) targets and to engage targets



from some very creative shooting positions. So this type of shooting also provides valuable survival skills practice for competing officers. Needless to say our guns are key. They must be reliable.

accurate, user-friendly and fast. Trophies and titles are at stake. Therefore, THE LAWMEN SHOOT GLOCKS.

Highlights From 2002

The 2002 California Police and Fire Games Action Pistol event fielded over 240 shooters from California, Arizona and Nevada. Once again, this state match was dominated by the Lawmen for the 7th consecutive year.

Special recognition goes to **Tony Rheault**, who took home the gold in open class and was 2nd overall. **Chris Hansen** took the gold in 'A' class and placed 3rd overall. **Tony Huerstel** managed a 3rd place showing in Master class and took 5th place overall. **Aaron Algren** and **Matthew Stout** finished 1st and 2nd respectively in 'B' class for the gold and silver medals. The L.A. Perfection (member team within the L.A. Lawmen) won the overall team event, consisting of forty law enforcement teams. This team was comprised of **Chris Christensen**, **Bill Parmelee**, **Dave Wheeler** (LAPD retired) and **Tony Huerstel**. The Lawmen team of **Pete Corkery**, **Chris Hansen**, **Tony Rheault** and **Greg Duran** were silver medalists in 'A' class and second overall. The team of **Steve Wills**, **Jim Shray**, **Matthew Stout** and **Ignacio Mendez** won the 'B' class event to secure gold in that division. Taking a close second in 'B' class was the team of **John Tom**, **Aaron Algren**, **Eric Bixler** and **Rich Rinker**, who shot their way to the silver. Other 'B' class competitors included the team of **Marcos Rubio**, **Brian Owen**, **Gary Koba** and **Jason Viegas**, who finished respectably in 'B' class.

We're especially proud of our all-female team comprised of **Helen Papietro**, **Stephanie Diaz**, **Lydia Diaz** and **Mary Hodges**. They won the bronze medal in 'C' class. If they had qualified for 'B' class, however, they would have put six teams behind them in the higher class. On a side note, **Stephanie Diaz** and **Helen Papietro** are also members of the renowned LAPD-PPC Pistol Team. They have considerable achievements in that shooting discipline at the National level as well. Way to go ladies!

The L.A. Lawmen also traveled to Arizona for the "Mystery Mountain 3-

Gun" match and to Las Vegas for the United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) 3-Gun Nationals and S.W.A.T. Magazine 3-Gun World Championship matches. Three-gun competition is essentially the same as action pistol in respect to stage design and scoring. In three-gun competition, however, competitors must be proficient and balanced with the pistol, the rifle and the shotgun.

The team fared well at both the "Mystery Mountain" and USPSA matches, winning in individual divisions and acquiring many awards. At the S.W.A.T. Magazine 3-Gun World Championship, the L.A. Lawmen were dominant once again with the team of **Greg Duran**, **Terry Fathauer**, **Ignacio Mendez** and **Jim Shray**. It was precarious as teams faced each other in a winner-only advancement elimination bracket held at the Desert Sportsman's Range in beautiful Red Rock canyon in the Nevada desert. With Las Vegas as the backdrop, a crowd of pensive spectators were treated to shooting drama as **Jim Shray** hammered down steel targets while the competing team's rifleman attempted to do the same. **Shray** finished his rifle work quickly enough to give **Duran**, **Fathauer** and **Mendez** a sizeable jump to begin shooting their reactive targets after moving to their assigned shooting positions. When the last of the targets had succumbed to the fusillade of fast and fancy gunfire, the L.A. Lawmen triumphed to secure yet another World title, besting a full field of world class professionals from law enforcement.

The L.A. Lawmen would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Department and to our sponsors including: LAPRAAC, Glock Inc., Grams Engineering, Blade-Tech Holsters, Black Hills Ammunition, Pro Ears Electronics and Wiley X Protective Gear. We couldn't have done it without their support and fine products.

The 2003 shooting year is just around the bend. Anyone interested in competing in this fast action shooting sport should contact team captain **Greg Duran** at 485-4150. Stay safe out there and relax behind the trigger quickly. ❖

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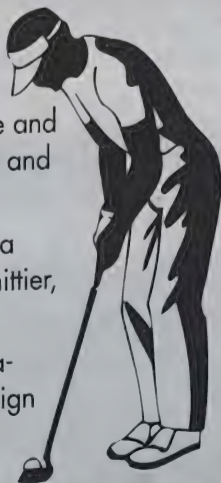
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The 2002 tournament will be held at the California County Club at 1509 S. Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA, (562) 692-0421.

The starting time will be 8:00 a.m. and the tournament will be a shotgun team scramble. You may sign up as a single, double, triple, or team of four.

If you are interested in participating, please call Charlie Loust at

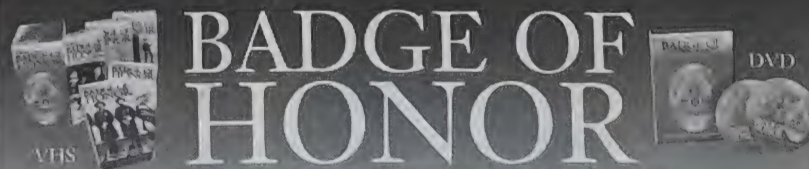
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SPORTS BEAT

2002-03 Basketball Season Underway

Play in the 2002-03 Intradepartmental Basketball Season got underway early in November with 32 teams participating in three leagues.

Pre-season power rankings put only four teams in the "A" League tier of premier squads: defending department champion 77th Street (coached by **Perry Griffith**), Central #1 (**Lee Perry**), Parker Center (**A.J. Kirby**) and Rampart #1 (**Nate Baez**). This "cream of the crop" league will have two rounds of play (Thursday afternoons) followed by the double-elimination Captain **Al Nelson** Tournament for the LAPD championship.

Ten teams will compete in the "B" League, looking to wrest the title away from tournament champion Harbor (coached by **Mike Cryer**). They are: Hollenbeck (**Adrian Parga**), Metro #1 (**Ed Mahaffey**), Newton #1 (**Steve Sena**), North Hollywood (**Alex Martinez**), Northeast (**Marc Archuleta**), Rampart #2 (**Larry Covington**), Southwest (**Wayne Rayford**), Training (**Jim Katapodis**) and West Valley (**Rick Webb**). A single round of play on Mondays ends with the league tournament in late January.

Once again the "C" League has been divided into two "pools" of nine teams each. Defending "C" champion Pacific (coached by **Rich Householder**) plays on Thursday mornings in "Pool #2" along with Central Traffic (**Mike Morales**), Devonshire (**Scott Nunez**), Foothill (**Carlos Sanchez**), Hollywood (**Kevin Moore**), Internal Affairs (**Trev Stokes**), Metro #2 (**Jeff Alley**), Southeast (**James Blocker**) and Transit Group (**Todd Waymire**). Competing in "Pool #1" are Captains (coached by **Pat Gannon**), Central #2 (**Ray Moya**), Commission Investigations (**Rudy dela Fuente**), Newton Vice (**Danny Roman**), Rampart #3 (**Glenn O'Shea**), South Traffic (**Jerome Calhoun**), Wilshire (**Perry Jones**), Wilshire Vice (**Anthony Pack**), and West Traffic (**George Bowens**). Their games are scheduled for Tuesday mornings. At the end of league play all teams will play in a combined tournament for the "C" championship.

For up-to-date information on basketball schedules and changes call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222 ext. 800.

BAKER TO VEGAS CHALLENGE CUP RELAY RACE

**Motor Team - Baker to Vegas
Riders Needed**

On April 12th & 13th, the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club will be sponsoring the annual relay event. The Motor Team - Baker to Vegas support the event by supplying skilled motorcycle riders who serve as Race Officials.

The function includes enforcement of Race Rules related to race and traffic safety. Motorcycles are required to have 4-way flashers, with Family Radio Service (FRS) 2-way radios (a \$50 reimbursement covers the majority of the FRS cost), with licensed HAM 2-way radios are a real plus.

Those individuals, both sworn and non-sworn, who would like to assist in covering Motor Team assignments for the event are encouraged to contact us for further details on equipment and assignments available, plus partial expense reimbursement provision.

Motor Team Coordinator Gary Krystof (LAPD Reserve)
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THE TEN RING

By Lou Salseda

In September the Pistol Team, competing in the 41st Annual National Police Revolver Championships in Jackson, MS, won the title for an unprecedented sixth straight year. Over 500 top law enforcement competitors from the United States and abroad participated in the event.

Initial good weather rapidly deteriorated as Hurricane Isador hit the gulf states, compressing the weeklong match into three days. On the final day it rained heavily with no break, causing widespread flooding — everything got wet, ammo and weapons included. LAPD had fired thousands of rounds and invested many hours in preparing for the competition and would not let the weather affect their focus.

Despite poor conditions the Pistol Team blasted its way to victory — rounds piercing the heavy rain to find their mark repeatedly — culminating a seven-month season of intense competition. The department shot its way to the top, com-

peting twice-monthly in statewide matches, including the State Championships.

This year's Championship Team members are **Rick Bennett** (captain), **Bob Barnes**, **Lou Salseda** and **Don Tsunawaki**. Over the last decade they have established themselves as the predominant law enforcement team to beat. Their representation reflects well on their professionalism and skill, promoting the department's training program and stature in the law enforcement community.

LAPD also captured the top spot among the 2002 California Police Pistol Assn. top ten teams. Members Barnes, Bennett, **Neil Goldberg**, **Salseda**, **Paul Shumway** and **Tsunawaki** also received a special recognition from the California State Legislature, acknowledging their outstanding marksmanship ability and position among the Top 20 Law Enforcement shooters in the state.

The LAPD Pistol Team looks forward to next season's competition. If interested in competing in either pistol or rifle, please contact Rick Bennett at (818) 832-3745.



NATIONAL CHAMPION LAPD PISTOL TEAM — (from left) Lisa Wernli, Lou Salseda, Don Tsunawaki, Rick Bennett, Neil Goldberg and Bob Barnes.

LAPD National Four & Two Person Revolver & Auto Pistol Championship Teams

REVOLVER CHAMPIONS

LAPD Team #1

Bob Barnes Lou Salseda
Rick Bennett Don Tsunawaki

REVOLVER CHAMPIONS

LAPD Blue

Stephanie Diaz John Pride
Steve Estrada Bob Snedden

REVOLVER & AUTO PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAPD Team #1

Bob Barnes Lou Salseda
Rick Bennett Don Tsunawaki

LAPD BLUE (Two Person Team)

Steve Estrada John Pride

REVOLVER CHAMPIONS

LAPD Team #1

Bob Barnes Lou Salseda
Rick Bennett Don Tsunawaki

REVOLVER CHAMPIONS

LAPD Team #1

Bob Barnes Lou Salseda
Rick Bennett Don Tsunawaki

REVOLVER CHAMPIONS

LAPD Blue

Bob Barnes John Pride
Steve Estrada Roger Rampton

AUTO PISTOL CHAMPIONS

LAPD Blue

Rick Bennett John Pride
Steve Estrada Lou Salseda

REVOLVER CHAMPIONS

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Numerologists Delight as Power Pigs Win 14th Straight Bench Press Contest

Seven was the lucky number at the Fall Intradepartmental Bench Press competition as 77th's Power Pigs again wallowed at the top of the slop. The twin sevens (77th) won their double seventh (14th) straight contest in a daylong event held on October 11 (10/11 = 21= triple sevens) at the Elysian Park Academy Gym.

The contest marked a return to normalcy as 211 lifters took to the weights, nearly triple the number who competed in the Spring event. Sixty-nine of the participants were female, the highest total for any LAPD bench press contest. Rampart gave the Power Pigs quite a scare this time around. Tom Runyen's women scored 129 of his team's 174 points — outscoring the Power Pigettes by 46 points. "They kicked our butts," said 77th coach Paul von Lutzow. "It was a great turnout and a great competition."

Credit goes to the testosterone set for putting the trophy back in the Power Pigs barn for another six months. "The geezers came through for us," said von Lutzow (who has coached 19 of the last 20 winners). "Rampart just didn't have the guys to match us." The 77th males garnered 163 points, 64 more than Transit Group and 118 more than Fort Apache.

The contest for second place was the tightest in years with Rampart coming in just seven points ahead of Pacific and 18 ahead of Transit Group. Pacific's finish, in fact, was much stronger than the raw points indicate. The Beach Bums fielded only 28 lifters — eight to ten fewer than any of its nearest competitors.

WOMEN AGE 20-29

| WEIGHT | FIRST PLACE |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 97 – 105-3/4 | Adriana De Los Santos (77th) 55 lbs |
| 105-3/4 – 114-1/2 | Nubia Avila (Dev) 100 lbs |
| 114-1/2 – 123-1/2 | Kasie Chavez (Rpt) 115 lbs |
| 123-1/2 – 132-1/4 | Helen Jaramillo (77th) 120 lbs |
| 132-1/4 – 148-1/2 | Natalie Humphreys (Rpt) 130 lbs |
| 148-1/2 – 165-1/4 | Patricia Braendle (Rpt) 190 lbs |
| 165-1/2 – 181-3/4 | Irene Kohler (Rpt) 135 lbs |
| 181-3/4 – 198-1/4 | Erika Spence (Pac) 125 lbs |

WOMEN AGE 30-39

| WEIGHT | FIRST PLACE |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 105-3/4 – 114-1/2 | Hsin Lo (Pac) 120 lbs |
| 114-1/2 – 123-1/2 | Heather Gageby (SE) 125 lbs |
| 123-1/2 – 132-1/4 | Jill Reinhold (Pac) 145 lbs |
| 132-1/4 – 148-1/2 | Stacey Young (77th) 115 lbs |
| 148-1/2 – 165-1/4 | Christene Maraio (Rpt) 140 lbs |
| 165-1/2 – 181-3/4 | Lupe Nunez (TRSG) 85 lbs |

| INTRA-DEPARTMENT BENCH PRESS RECORDS | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| M E N | | | | | |
| CLASS | AGE 20-29 | AGE 30-39 | AGE 40-49 | AGE 50-59 | AGE 60+ |
| Under 123? | Tran Khoa 150# | TED WILLIAMS 155# | | | |
| 123?-132? | MATT OKUBO 255# | Gary Koba 220# | Ron Hodges 230# | Dean De Paola 170# | |
| 132?-148? | Joe Johnson 320# | Nelson Fong 295# | Lee Sands 295# | Herbert Chang 260# | JOE CURRERI 255# |
| 148?-165? | Ben Tran 360# | Kerry Anderson 350# | Ken Montague 325# | Mark Conta 260# | Bob Shallenberger 50# |
| | Mike Callan 350# | | | | |
| 165?-181? | Andre Louis 385# | Andre Louis 395# | Lou Leiker 345# | Tom Vigen 365# | Sam Colella 245# |
| 181?-198? | Terry Cirre 420# | Mark Allen 420# | George Caulford 430# | Tom Vigen 365# | Sam Colella 265# |
| 198?-220? | ALBERTO FRANCO 475# | Greg Davidson 485# | Ken Crawford 430# | RUBEN HOLGUIN 315# | Sam Colella 285# |
| | | | James Williamson 315# | Johnny Jones 315# | |
| 220?-242? | Alberto Franco 525# | Todd Waymire 455# | Gary Romo 420# | Gary Romo 390# | |
| 242?-275? | Ed Huston 470# | Barry Brooks 450# | MOE BATTS 445# | Gary Thomas 440# | Rex Shields 340# |
| Over 275? | Bryan Hand 415# | John Valdez 420# | Moe Batts 440# | RAY HERNANDEZ 275# | RON MEADE 350# |
| W O M E N | | | | | |
| CLASS | AGE 20-29 | AGE 30-39 | AGE 40-49 | AGE 50+ | |
| Under 97 Lbs. | | Celia Komathy 85# | | | |
| 97-105? | Kristin Kolenda 100# | Kristin Kolenda 95# | Maria Tomes 75# | | |
| | | Teresa Evans 95# | | | |
| 105?-114? | NUBIA AVILA 100# | HSIN LO 120# | SUSAN FISHER 90# | | |
| 114?-123? | Jennifer Grasso 135# | Jill Reinhold 145# | Lynda Matarazzo 110# | | |
| 123?-132? | Jennifer Grasso 155# | Susan Drulias 155# | TERESA AKUNE 145# | | |
| | | Jill Reinhold 155# | | | |
| 132?-148? | Cassandra Britt-Nickerson 170# | Lisa Wernli 185# | Teresa Akune 170# | | |
| 148?-165? | PATRICIA BRAENDLE 190# | Martha Moran 175# | Jami Reed 160# | Charlotte Smith 85# | |
| | Melissa New 190# | | Martha Moran 160# | | |
| 165?-181? | Shannon Paulson 145# | Sharon Biggs 160# | Martha Moran 150# | Charlotte Smith 80# | |
| | Maggie Sherman 145# | | | | |
| 181?-198? | Erika Spence 140# | Dena Kendrick 135# | Hilda Kendrick 185# | JANET PENNA 75# | |
| 198?-220? | Erika Spence 130# | Andrea Grossman 110# | Marcella Winn 125# | | |
| | | Bridget Pickett 110# | | | |
| 220?-242? | | | Debbie Gourman 90# | Brenda Gordon 145# | |
| Over 275? | | | | | |
| | | | | | ANGELA BUCK 55# |

Record set or tied at the October competition indicated in bold caps.

181-3/4 – 198-1/4
Over 275-1/4

WOMEN AGE 40-49

| WEIGHT |
|-------------------|
| 105-3/4 – 114-1/2 |
| 123-1/2 – 132-1/4 |
| 132-1/4 – 148-1/2 |
| 148-1/2 – 165-1/4 |
| 165-1/4 – 181-3/4 |
| 181-3/4 – 198-1/4 |
| 198-1/4 – 220-1/4 |

WOMEN AGE 50-59

| WEIGHT |
|-------------------|
| 181-3/4 – 198-1/4 |

MEN AGE 20-29

| WEIGHT |
|-------------------|
| Under 123-1/2 |
| 123-1/2 – 132-1/4 |
| 132-1/4 – 148-1/2 |
| 148-1/2 – 165-1/4 |
| 165-1/2 – 181-3/4 |
| 181-3/4 – 198-1/4 |
| 198-1/4 – 220-1/4 |
| 242-1/2 – 275-1/4 |

MEN AGE 30-39

| WEIGHT |
|-------------------|
| Under 123-1/2 |
| 132-1/4 – 148-1/2 |
| 148-1/2 – 165-1/4 |
| 165-1/2 – 181-3/4 |
| 181-3/4 – 198-1/4 |
| 198-1/4 – 220-1/4 |
| 220-1/4 – 242-1/2 |
| 242-1/2 – 275-1/4 |

MEN AGE 40-49

| WEIGHT |
|-------------------|
| 148-1/2 – 165-1/4 |
| 165-1/2 – 181-3/4 |
| 181-3/4 – 198-1/4 |
| 198-1/4 – 220-1/4 |
| 220-1/4 – 242-1/2 |
| 242-1/2 – 275-1/4 |
| Over 275-1/4 |

MEN AGE 50-59

| WEIGHT |
|-------------------|
| 132-1/4 – 148-1/2 |
| 148-1/2 – 165-1/4 |
| 165-1/2 – 181-3/4 |
| 181-3/4 – 198-1/4 |
| 198-1/4 – 220-1/4 |
| 220-1/4 – 242-1/2 |
| 242-1/2 – 275-1/4 |
| Over 275-1/4 |

MEN AGE 60+

| WEIGHT |
|-------------------|
| 165-1/2 – 181-3/4 |
| 181-3/4 – 198-1/4 |
| 198-1/4 – 220-1/4 |
| 242-1/2 – 275-1/4 |
| Over 275-1/4 |

TEAM RESULTS

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|--------|
| FIRST |
| SECOND |
| THIRD |
| FOURTH |
| FIFTH |

Michelle Martinson (Rpt) 95 lbs
Angela Buck (77th) 55 lbs.

FIRST PLACE

| |
|--------------------------------|
| Susan Fisher (WLA) 90 lbs |
| Teresa Akune (Pac) 145 lbs |
| Gina Sanders (Rpt) 100 lbs |
| Donna Reyes (Pac) 120 lbs |
| Melody Hainline (77th) 130 lbs |
| Name Withheld* (TRSG) 115 lbs |
| Jane Russom (77th) 120 lbs |

FIRST PLACE

| |
|--------------------------|
| Janet Penna (Rpt) 75 lbs |
|--------------------------|

FIRST PLACE

| |
|---------------------------------|
| Vinh Do (Pac) 135 lbs |
| Matthew Okubo (WLA) 255 lbs |
| Adam Loo (Pac) 200 lbs |
| Habib Munoz (VN) 310 lbs |
| Dave Ulloa (TRSG) 305 lbs |
| Telesford Aguirre (Rpt) 325 lbs |
| Alberto Franco (77th) 475 lbs |
| Carlos Monterroso (Wil) 335 lbs |

FIRST PLACE

| |
|----------------------------------|
| Theodore Williams (77th) 155 lbs |
| Russell Higa (Pac) 260 lbs |
| Don Sasaki (Pac) 255 lbs |
| Carl Taylor (Wil) 315 lbs |
| Andrew Paredes (77th) 350 lbs |
| Michael O'Shea (WLA) 450 lbs |
| Todd Waymire (TRSG) 420 lbs |
| Jeffrey Merlo (Pac) 300 lbs |

FIRST PLACE

| |
|-------------------------------|
| Michael Ozaki (Wil) 290 lbs |
| Don Lawrence (TRSG) 305 lbs |
| Song Suh (TRSG) 265 lbs |
| Brian Miyakawa (77th) 320 lbs |
| Gregory Grant (RHD) 300 lbs |
| Morris Batts (77th) 445 lbs |
| Lamont Jerrett (TRSG) 200 lbs |

FIRST PLACE

| |
|----------------------------------|
| Dean DePaola (VN) 170 lbs |
| Joseph Curreri (Dev) 255 lbs |
| Bob Heredia (TRSG) 250 lbs |
| Paul von Lutzow (77th) 240 lbs |
| Ruben Holguin (DARE) 315 lbs |
| Bob Hansohn (TRSG) 270 lbs |
| Michael DePasquale (Pac) 300 lbs |
| Ray Hernandez (RHD) 275 lbs |

FIRST PLACE

| |
|--------------------------------|
| Charles Howard (77th) 215 lbs |
| D.C. Webb (77th) 100 lbs |
| William Driver (77th) 100 lbs |
| Rex Shields (Retired) 320 lbs |
| Ronald Meade (Retired) 350 lbs |

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|--------------------|
| 77th STREET |
| RAMPART |
| PACIFIC |
| TRANSIT SVCS GROUP |
| ROBBERY HOMICIDE |

| |
|------------|
| 246 points |
| 174 points |
| 167 points |
| 156 points |
| 87 points |

SECOND PLACE

| |
|------------------------------|
| Maria Tomes (RHD) 75 lbs |
| Maritza Esparra (Rpt) 70 lbs |
| Joy Smith (Rpt) 75 lbs |

| |
|----------------------------------|
| Name Withheld* (RHD) 75 lbs |
| Nina Brown (77th) 70 lbs |
| Bernadette Torres (TRSG) 120 lbs |

SECOND PLACE

SECOND PLACE

| |
|-------------------------------|
| Jesus Carrillo (77th) 220 lbs |
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|----------------------------------|
| Miguel Reynoso (Dev) 260 lbs |
| Romeo Tamparong (Rpt) 300 lbs |
| Ricky Mendoza (77th) 320 lbs |
| Ricardo Lizarraga (77th) 355 lbs |
| Enrique Robledo (77th) 310 lbs |

SECOND PLACE

| |
|------------------------------|
| Patrick Higa (Dev) 225 lbs |
| Jeff Johnson (Dev) 245 lbs |
| Paul Inabu (Pac) 285 lbs |
| Perry Jones (Wil) 320 lbs |
| Deryl Jackson (Pac) 405 lbs |
| Charles Hearn (Dev) 325 lbs |
| Carlos Valdez (77th) 270 lbs |

SECOND PLACE

| |
|-------------------------------|
| Israel Sanchez (Dev) 275 lbs |
| Robert Organ (TRSG) 300 lbs |
| Greg Yacoubian (TRSG) 240 lbs |
| Jon Mays (77th) 300 lbs |
| Richard Baeza (77th) 225 lbs |
| Owen Mills (77th) 350 lbs |

SECOND PLACE

| |
|------------------------------|
| Tom Runyen (Rpt) 190 lbs |
| Brian Carr (RHD) 180 lbs |
| Michael Gannon (RHD) 120 lbs |
| Robert Lequin (Dev) 285 lbs |
| Otis Marlow (RHD) 210 lbs |

SECOND PLACE

| |
|-----------------------------|
| Jimmy Grayson (RHD) 175 lbs |
| Jack Giroud (RHD) 115 lbs |

LAPD BENCH PRESS CHAMPIONS 1985-2002

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| October 2002 |77th St. Division |
| March 2002 |77th St. Division |
| October 2001 |77th St. Division |
| March 2001 |77th St. Division |
| Nov. 2000 |77th St. Division |
| June 2000 |77th St. Division |
| October 1999 |77th St. Division |
| June 1999 |77th St. Division |
| Nov. 1998 |77th St. Division |
| May 1998 |77th St. Division |
| Nov. 1997 |77th St. Division |
| May 1997 |77th St. Division |
| Nov. 1996 |77th St. Division |
| May 1996 |77th St. Division |
| Nov. 1995 |Central Traffic Women |
| May 1995 |Rampart Division |
| Nov. 1994 |Rampart Division |
| May 1994 |Rampart Division |
| Nov. 1993 |Rampart Division |
| April 1993 |Rampart Division |
| October 1992 |Southeast Division |
| March 1992 |Metro Division |
| October 1991 |DARE Division |
| March 1991 |Rampart Division |
| October 1990 |Rampart Division |
| March 1990 |77th St. Division |
| March 1989 |Hollenbeck Division |
| March 1988 |77th St. Division |
| March 1987 |W. Valley/N. Hwd. |
| April 1986 |West Valley Division |
| October 1985 |West Valley Division |

RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

Well it finally happened and it went over with flying colors. Chief Gates visited the Inland Blue Line on October 9th. In fact, he was the guest speaker. And for all of you who missed the luncheon, you missed a great presentation. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing Chief Gates. He came out with both guns blazing. He had a lot to say and he said it. He is a great speaker and he believes (like most of us old timers) there is no room for politics in



Left to right: Melva "Mel" Glavag, James Mackarthur and Irene Gardner. Mel and Irene worked with Gates when he worked Juvenile back in, well, it was some time ago.

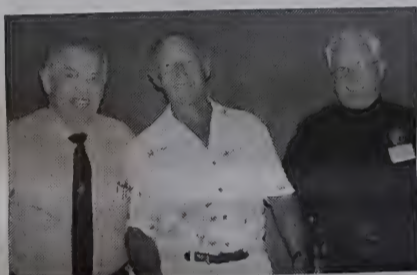
the police department. Sure wish we had him back as chief of L.A. just long enough to straighten this whole mess out. But he did say "we have to give the new chief a chance." He may be okay. Chief Gates was really surprised to see so many of his old friends and partners at one big luncheon. We had 182 attend. Not as many as I expected, but a great crowd. And no one left until it was over. Chief liked the group so much that he asked if he could join the club. After I thought about it for a while, I accepted his request. He opened his wallet and paid his \$10 dues right on the spot. He saw so many people he knew.

Wally Talent was present and he said he broke in the chief when the chief was a rookie. Mel Tousseau broke the chief

in when he signed for a hitch on Motors. I'll bet that was a blast. I can just hear Mel now. "Look, Gates, don't do as I do, do as I say." That was a famous saying of



Guy Salerno & wife Lorine. October 9th was Guy's 94th birthday. He came on the job in 1942 and retired in 1962 from Newton Detectives. Remember when you came on the job? They told everyone "the average life of a policeman was 5 years after they retire." Guy sure blew that theory all to hell.



Left to right: Loyd Yandle, Chief Daryl Gates and Chief Pete Hewitt, Hemet Police Chief.

all the old timers to a new rookie. I did the same thing after I had a few whiskers on the job. Remember?

Chief was happy to see Melvin "Mel" Glaras and Irene Gardner, two of his former partners in Juvenile. All in all I think he had a good time. I know everyone enjoyed seeing the chief. Many brought the book (the chief) that Gates wrote and had him autograph it, me included.

"Thanks, Chief, you're a member now. Don't be a stranger. You're welcome any time, and I promise not to tell *The Times* you're coming."

I was especially saddened by the death of my old friend and classmate

the new programs that the credit union has to offer. With the day of the computer, they feel now is the time to again update all retirees on all the advantages the credit union has to offer. It was all explained to me, but I don't have the space in this issue to acquaint you all with all the C.U. has to offer. It sounds great. Don't miss it. We welcome all retirees. Who knows, you might enjoy meeting old friends and join the club.

The next luncheon is Wednesday, January 8, 2003, at the Anchor Restaurant in Hemet, Calif. Tariff is \$12 per person including tax and tip. Social hour: 11:00 a.m., lunch at noon sharp. Good food, good company. Call me for your



Chief Gates, Pete Petteys, Motors and Mel Tousseau. Mel was Gates training officer when the Chief signed up for Motor Squad in the 1950's.



All retired LAPD and now working as DA Investigators for Riverside County. Left to right: Ed Ramirez, Mike McDonagh, Rick Van Nort, Chief Gates, Chuck Devenney, Bob Lutz and Steve Kirby.

Dick Briggs, October 9, 2002, from a battle with cancer. We went through the Academy in March, 1949. I attended his memorial. Over 200 in attendance. Could not get them all in the mortuary. Dick was our class president. We will all miss him. He was one hell of a guy. No services, he will be cremated, and ashes scattered at sea.

Special notice: All classmates who went through the Academy starting March 16, 1949, contact me and give me your current address and phone number. I want to update Briggs' notes.

Have to cut this short because I wanted to get in some pictures that we took at the luncheon in this issue, and I know *The Thin Blue Line* is short of space for retirees. We tend to be long-winded. At least some of us are.

Due to the increase in cost of living, the club voted to increase the dues from \$5 to \$10 starting January 1, 2003. Dues will be \$10 per retiree, wives are free.

I have been contacted by our credit union requesting they be allowed to visit us again and update us about all



Chief Gates just handing Loyd Yandle, President of the club, his \$10.00 dues. He's now a full fledge member of Inland Blue Line.

reservations at 909-925-4491. I'll tell you when, who and where and how. I have a lot more to say but I just ran out of room. So wake up America. Tear yourself away from the boob tube and come see us. You will be glad you did.

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Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Ed Lewandowski

BERNIE REMAS, our normal scribe for our monthly Blue Line article has gone into hibernation early this year. So until he returns, I've volunteered to fill in for him, and hopefully I can keep you posted on the news from the "greater" Sacramento area in Northern California. BERNIE and his wife JUDY left for Florida on Sunday, September 30th, right after the Wine Country BBQ at the RON KISER'S Vineyard in Sonoma. They won't be back to California until May...I guess he and Judy can get in a lot more golf down there than they can here in the Sacramento area during the winter (raining) season.

Well another year is swiftly coming to an end. Where has all the time gone? SABLA President **CHUCK CRAWFORD**, opened our monthly meeting in October. It was attended by a mere NINE members. Our guest speaker was Placer County Under Sheriff **STEVE D'ARCY**. He talked about his 24 years with the San Jose Police Dept. and his great relationship working with LAPD, including working with officers such as **JACK GIROUD (RHD)** and **DICK WRIGHT (OCID)**. D'ARCY, who has been the Under Sheriff for the past 8 years, also discussed his own department and what a great organization it is to work for, especially under his boss and long time personal friend, Sheriff **ED BONNER**.

My son **TIM (LEWANDOWSKI)** has really enjoyed working there too. He's worked Placer County Sheriff's Corrections for two years and is currently a Deputy assigned to N. Lake Tahoe. Nice duty eh! D'ARCY also discussed the new Indian casino that will be built in Placer County near Roseville/Sun City-Lincoln Hills. He also talked about policing on Indian land and how they will provide funds for additional deputies.

Speaking of the KISER's Wine Country BBQ, he advised me that funds raised from the BBQ raffles etc will be used to support the **WILLIAM H. PARKER Foundation** and a portion will go to SABLA. Attendees (a total of 130), at the BBQ came from as far away places as Washington (State) and Texas...A fine time was had by all I'm sure.

I don't want to bore you with a lot of

useless information, but I DO want to remind YOU about SABLA's annual CHRISTMAS PARTY BUFFET luncheon. It is scheduled for THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2002 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Once again it will be held at Sun City - Roseville. This is about the 4th or 5th Christmas luncheon that we've held there and it only gets better every year. Again it an "ALL YOU CAN EAT" 1st class Buffet. The food is always GREAT and there is plenty of it. No one has ever left the party hungry or disappointed!

Now if you're going to be visiting in the Sacramento area on December 19th, or you live in the area and not a member of SABLA, you are still welcome to join us for this fun filled, Christmas spirited afternoon luncheon. It's a beautiful place with beautiful people. Plus we have door prizes and who knows, you might even want to join our SABLA group. The Christmas party cost \$23 per person. Don't wait to the last minute. Mark December 19th on your calendar right now and make your commitment to attend now. Bring family members or friends! Call **HOY KEY** at 916/ 771-9206 for reservations or myself (ED) at 530/ 626-4248.

Speaking of SABLA membership, I know several retired LAPD officers that live in and around the greater Sacramento who are NOT members of SABLA. I'm sure you do also. And there are probably a few of you reading this article who aren't members. Why not? Our membership is only \$15 per year, we meet once a month for lunch at a local restaurant, share some "war" stories and try to keep everyone up-to-date as to what is going on within the ole department and locally.

I must add my personal congratulations to the Anaheim Angels for winning the 2002 World Series! As an old Angels fan, I, and I'm sure a lot of you are too, were glad to see them win it....

In closing, I'd just like to add that I hope your Thanksgiving was bountiful and you enjoy the upcoming holidays and Holy Days. Be nice to each other and give some thought to those who have followed in our footsteps, including the fire fighters, military personnel and emergency response staff. Happy holidays to you all!

Dates to Remember

| DECEMBER | | Event Time/ Social | Meal |
|-------------|--|-----------------------|------|
| December 2 | Coachella Valley Blue Line & Golf Club - Guns and Hoses Tournament | | |
| December 6 | LAPRA and LAPPL Christmas Open House @ LAPRA/League Offices | 1100 | |
| December 6 | Narcotic Division Reunion @ Glendale Elks | 1700 | |
| December 7 | Frankie Yan | 1800 | |
| December 7 | Prescott Area Blue Line Christmas Party | 1800 | |
| December 8 | Retired Fire & Police Association Christmas Party @ Sportsmens Lodge | 1100 | |
| December 11 | William Henebry | 1100 | |
| December 13 | L.A. Police Golf Association Tournament | 0800 | |
| December 16 | Law Enforcement Fellowship Christmas Dinner | 1800 | |
| December 18 | Valley Retired Blues | 1030 | |
| December 19 | SABLA Christmas Buffet | 1100 | |
| December 19 | Central Coast Fuzz Christmas Luncheon | 1100 | |
| JANUARY | | | |
| January 8 | Inland Blue Line | 1100 | 1200 |
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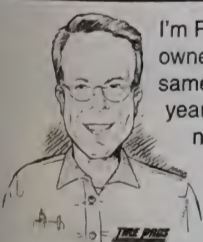
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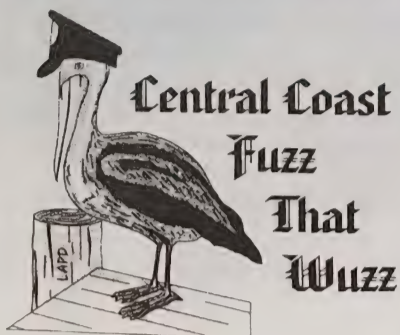
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RETIREMENT NEWS



by Dave Aikins

We are well into the holiday season with a beautiful Thanksgiving Day just behind us. I think it's one of my favorite holidays because autumn is such a wonderful time of year to have the family together. Everyone is more relaxed and just seems to have a good time with all the delicious food and classic football games. It is truly a time to reflect on the blessings that we have.

The next Fuzz function will be our annual Christmas party at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo on Dec. 19th. The modest cost of \$11 per person includes a great lunch, superb entertainment and great gifts. The festivities start at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon. For further information, contact **Paul & Stella Mattson** at 805-929-0520 or yours truly at 805-489-4806. Hope to see you there.

I found that as we get older one tends to put things off that don't seem important at the time. I guess I was in denial about the whole thing. I figured that I was doing all right and getting by just fine. After all, I was keeping busy with a lot of activities and didn't think I was missing

much. Reality hit me hard. My HEARING was shot! I had my hearing range tested and wow, I was missing more than I realized, which consisted mainly of normal conversation coupled with some background noise (loud music, noisy restaurant atmosphere, etc.). I knew I had been exposed to various types of noise during my LAPD career, which



Does this mean the fuzz gang is included too.

included gunshots, sirens, helicopters, riots, screaming bosses and stuff like that. Because we were required to submit to a hearing test each year while at Air Support Division (ASD), I also knew I had a problem. After seven years of retirement, I just didn't think much about

it. Well, I finally got these new hearing aids and initially was a little depressed about having to wear them because, frankly, they are a pain in the neck. I whined a little until I realized how lucky I was to be able to hear at all. How many deaf individuals would love to have my little problem? It's easy to forget how many blessings we have that we take for granted. Also, I was fortunate to have a Work Comp case, as hearing aids are very expensive. Huh, say what?

Recently, **Al Schlocker** and **Tom Zwinger** were in a friendly debate over the meaning of the sign posted at our new Avila Beach parking lot (see photo). Does it mean that any law enforcement guy can park there, like us old retired members of the LAPD Fuzz gang? I think Al might be willing to test it. Just hang a microphone over the rear view mirror; it used to work for us in L.A.

Sadly, I lost a good friend and former partner last October. **Bob Bassett** passed away after he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Bob was a loving

Christian man who was a joy to be around. I flew with Bob at ASD and he was a terrific partner in the cockpit. He always provided professional service to the officers on the ground and was often the recipient of their gratitude broadcast over our radio frequencies. After his distinguished career at LAPD, he worked with the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department as a resident deputy and was well respected by folks in that beautiful county. Present and past members of ASD, led by Capt. **Mike Hillmann** (one of my favorites), formed a large contingency that represented our Department at his memorial service in Calaveras County. It was also well attended by local law enforcement officers as well as numerous members of that rural community. Bob will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with his lovely wife, Barbara, and his entire family.

Take care, folks, and stay healthy. Catch us at pismoguyngal@charter.net. KMA.

Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

by Ron and Elayne Gray

The October Mixer of the Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club was held Friday, October 25th, at the beautiful new home of **Tim and Sue Dotson** in Indian Palms Country Club. Sue has a wonderful knack for interior decorating and their home is a masterful combination of comfort and beauty. They also have a real knack for entertaining as they welcomed approximately 50 guests into their home, fed them lavishly, and made it look easy.

As the snowbirds are returning to the desert and the rest of us come back from vacations, it was fun to hear of everyone's travel experiences. We really had a lot of miles among us — a travel agent's dream.

Jeff and Lonna Fedrizzi came over the hill from Hemet as did **Duane and Pat Lloyd** from Escondido. **George and Kim Avans**, **Don and Ann Ham**, **Marv and**

Sammie Cooper, **Bill Costleigh**, **Clayton and Carolyn Mayes**, **Dick and Betty King**, **Ted and Barbara Spruill**, **Steve and Stacy Hobson**, **Char Reming** and **Sandi Palmer** were among the "regular bunch". And those whom we would like to see more often were **Carl and Yvonne Calkins**, **Bob and Melody Bowers**, **Jeannie Gunn** (we missed Joe), **Mike and Patty Moran**, and **Carl and Lynn Berlin**. The "bachelor contingent" made up of **Don Stagnaro**, **Joe Van Fleet** and **Jim Verwys** kept the volunteer bartenders, the Dotson Daughters, entertained. (Those were some really corny jokes.)

Since October is traditionally the time of year when desert golf courses are being scalped and reseeded with winter rye, we were not able to schedule a golf tournament this month. However, golf will resume on December 2nd with the "Guns and Hoses" tournament at Palm Valley Country Club. Hope to see lots of you there.

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Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on December 18th, 2002, at "The LAMP-LIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave and Nordhoff St. We meet in the Bar/Lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 A.M. Coffee is available until 1100 when lunch orders are taken. Wives and friends are also welcome.

We had 30 attending our October 16th luncheon. The following attended: **Clark BAKER** (22634), **Barney BORONICH** (3861), **Ted DEBS** (6808), **Emmett DRENNEN** (3279), **Fred DuBRUTZ** (4820), **Hilliard (Curly) ELLIOTT** (4534), **Ray ELMER** (5607), **Clinton ERICKSON** (5608), **Bill FEDDERSON** (4823), **Mike FLYNN** (10489), **Bob FRITZ** (4583), **John W. GROGAN** (11852), **Glen KAILEY** (3503), **Tom LINDHOLM** (4734), **Bud LONG** (6680), **Lou MELLOTT** (4037), **Boris MENEGHELLI** (3522), **Paul NICHOLAS** (4047), **Jake ORBUS** (5407), **Ray PALASZEWSKI** (6934), **Bob PRATT** (3680), **Ben REINEKE** (3190), **Cliff SHANNON** (2370), **Stu STREMSSTERFER** (4394), **Jim SWIS-**

TON (4654), **Fred** (4778) and **Carol WARNER**, **Earl WELLS** (6297) rose **WEVER** (6418) and **Marion YATES**. There were three new attendee this month, **Fred DuBrutz**, **Mike Flynn**, and **Carol Warner**. This was **Fred Warner's** first time since moving to Inland Empire as he had attended between 1986 and 1994. **Bob Pratt** and **Rose Wever** last attended on 2000.

Now for information about **Bill GULDNER** (3450) a retired Van Nuys detective who had a bad stroke in August 2001 and another one in April of this year. He has been hospitalized or having therapy in a rehabilitation facility ever since. At the time of this writing (Nov 3) Bill has been back at Northridge Hospital since October 16. He had developed pneumonia and an infection at the rehabilitation facility in Tarzana. I had an e-mail from his daughter Billy Jean yesterday (Nov 2) and the report is not good with his doctor indicating he has done all he can do and it is now up to a higher power.

Our annual BBQ was on Sunday October 20, 2002. We had wonderful weather and every one had a chance to walk around Dale's place and see all the old western movie and/or TV props

as seen in many movies. There were 42 to enjoy the Tri-Tip barbequed Beef and Chicken with all the fixings and liquid refreshments.

The following were at the BBQ: **Clark Baker**, **Carol Dunn**, **Kim Lankford**, **Marcia H. Brewer**, **Russell McMenamin**, **Fred Coleman**, **Jim Davis**, **Ted Debs**, **Ernest M and Sylvia Dicken**, **Emmett C. and Jane Drennen**, **Edward W. Elliott II**, **Edward Elliott**, **Hilliard (Curly) Elliott**, **Clinton O. Erickson**, **William Feddersen**, **Bruce Fowler**, **Robert L. Fritz**, **Millard Glenn**, **Tom and Stella Lindholm**, **Bob May**, **Lou Mellott**, **Ray Palaszewski**, **Dale and Dee Rickards**, **Bob and Betty Russell**, **Cliff Shannon**, **Forest and Frances Sloan**, **Stuart Stremsterfer**, **Jim Swiston**, **Mel Tousseau**, **Jim Trax**, **Clark Wardel**, **William and Ruby June Wilhelm**, **Hal Yarnell**, **Richard** and **Janalee Young**.

Attendees to our meetings are now appearing on the LARFPA Website about a month prior to seeing them in this column. I would like for any of you retirees that have been associated or worked in any of the Valley divisions with computers to send me a message so I can send you information about retirees that may be ill or any deaths.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters. Our meeting information is also on www.LARFPA.com Website in case you forget the date or location. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting.

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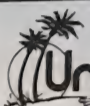
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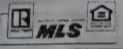
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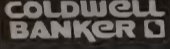

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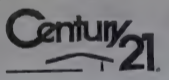
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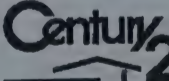
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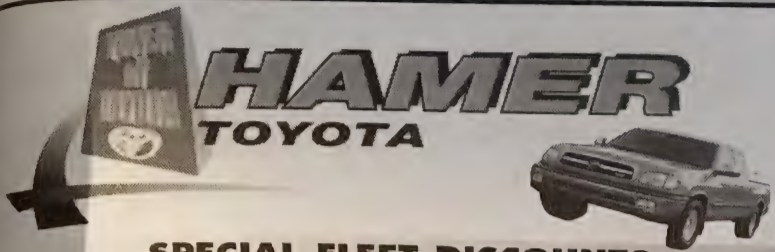
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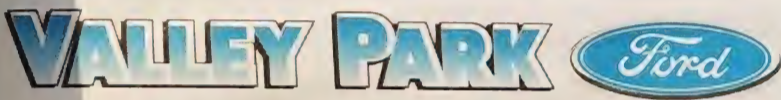
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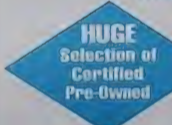
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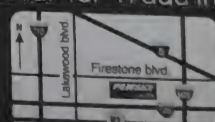
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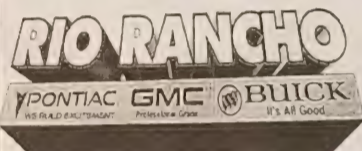
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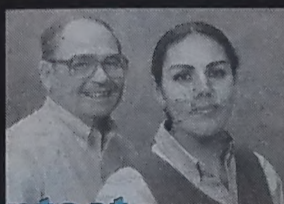
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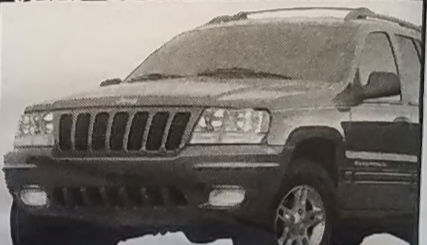
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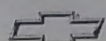
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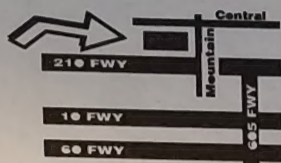
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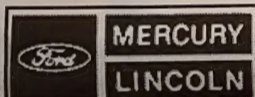
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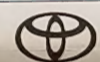
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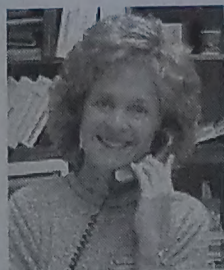
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